
Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 00/15] IPC: code rewrite + new functionalities
Posted by [Pierre Peiffer](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 16:02:29 GMT
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Hi,

Here is a patchset about the IPC, which proposes to consolidate some part of the existing code and to add some functionalities.

* Patches 1 to 8 don't change the existing behavior, but propose to rewrite some parts of the existing code. In fact, the three kinds of IPC (semaphores, message queues and shared memory) have some common commands (IPC_SET, IPC_RMID, etc...) but they are mainly handled in three different ways. These patches propose to consolidate this, by handling these commands the same way and try to use, as much as possible, some common code. This should increase readability and maintainability of the code, making them probably good candidate for the -mm tree, I think.

* Patches 9 to 15 propose to add some functionalities, and thus are submitted here for RFC, about both the interest and their implementation. These functionalities are:

- Two new control-commands:
 - . IPC_SETID: to change an IPC's id.
 - . IPC_SETALL: behaves as IPC_SET, except that it also sets all time and pid values)
- add a /proc/<pid>/semundo file to read and write the undo values of some semaphores for a given process.

As the namespaces and the "containers" are being integrated in the kernel, these functionalities may be a first step to implement the checkpoint/restart of an application: in fact the existing API does not allow to specify or to change an ID when creating an IPC, when restarting an application, and the times/pids values of each IPCs are also altered. May be someone may find another interest about this ?

So again, comments are welcome.

Thanks.

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Pierre

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 01/15] IPC/semaphores: code factorisation
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Trivial patch which adds some small locking functions and makes use of them
to factorize some part of code and makes it cleaner.

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ipc/sem.c | 61 ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++-----
1 file changed, 31 insertions(+), 30 deletions(-)

Index: b/ipc/sem.c

=====

--- a/ipc/sem.c

+++ b/ipc/sem.c

```
@@ -181,6 +181,25 @@ static inline struct sem_array *sem_lock
    return container_of(ipcp, struct sem_array, sem_perm);
}
```

```
+static inline void sem_lock_and_putref(struct sem_array *sma)
+{
+ ipc_lock_by_ptr(&sma->sem_perm);
+ ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
+}
```

```
+
+static inline void sem_getref_and_unlock(struct sem_array *sma)
+{
+ ipc_rcu_getref(sma);
+ ipc_unlock(&(sma)->sem_perm);
+}
```

```
+
+static inline void sem_putref(struct sem_array *sma)
+{
+ ipc_lock_by_ptr(&sma->sem_perm);
+ ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
+ ipc_unlock(&(sma)->sem_perm);
+}
```

```
+
static inline void sem_rmid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, struct sem_array *s)
{
    ipc_rmid(&sem_ids(ns), &s->sem_perm);
}
@@ -700,19 +719,15 @@ static int semctl_main(struct ipc_namesp
    int i;
```

```

    if(nsems > SEMMSL_FAST) {
-   ipc_rcu_getref(sma);
-   sem_unlock(sma);
+   sem_getref_and_unlock(sma);

    sem_io = ipc_alloc(sizeof(ushort)*nsems);
    if(sem_io == NULL) {
-   ipc_lock_by_ptr(&sma->sem_perm);
-   ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
-   sem_unlock(sma);
+   sem_putref(sma);
    return -ENOMEM;
    }

-   ipc_lock_by_ptr(&sma->sem_perm);
-   ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
+   sem_lock_and_putref(sma);
    if (sma->sem_perm.deleted) {
        sem_unlock(sma);
        err = -EIDRM;
@@ -733,38 +748,30 @@ static int semctl_main(struct ipc_namesp
    int i;
    struct sem_undo *un;

-   ipc_rcu_getref(sma);
-   sem_unlock(sma);
+   sem_getref_and_unlock(sma);

    if(nsems > SEMMSL_FAST) {
        sem_io = ipc_alloc(sizeof(ushort)*nsems);
        if(sem_io == NULL) {
-   ipc_lock_by_ptr(&sma->sem_perm);
-   ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
-   sem_unlock(sma);
+   sem_putref(sma);
        return -ENOMEM;
        }
    }

    if (copy_from_user (sem_io, arg.array, nsems*sizeof(ushort))) {
-   ipc_lock_by_ptr(&sma->sem_perm);
-   ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
-   sem_unlock(sma);
+   sem_putref(sma);
        err = -EFAULT;
        goto out_free;
    }

```

```

    for (i = 0; i < nsems; i++) {
        if (sem_io[i] > SEMVMX) {
-       ipc_lock_by_ptr(&sma->sem_perm);
-       ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
-       sem_unlock(sma);
+       sem_putref(sma);
            err = -ERANGE;
            goto out_free;
        }
    }
-   ipc_lock_by_ptr(&sma->sem_perm);
-   ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
+   sem_lock_and_putref(sma);
    if (sma->sem_perm.deleted) {
        sem_unlock(sma);
        err = -EIDRM;
@@ -1044,14 +1051,11 @@ static struct sem_undo *find_undo(struct
    return ERR_PTR(PTR_ERR(sma));

    nsems = sma->sem_nsems;
-   ipc_rcu_getref(sma);
-   sem_unlock(sma);
+   sem_getref_and_unlock(sma);

    new = kzalloc(sizeof(struct sem_undo) + sizeof(short)*nsems, GFP_KERNEL);
    if (!new) {
-   ipc_lock_by_ptr(&sma->sem_perm);
-   ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
-   sem_unlock(sma);
+   sem_putref(sma);
        return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
    }
    new->semadj = (short *) &new[1];
@@ -1062,13 +1066,10 @@ static struct sem_undo *find_undo(struct
    if (un) {
        spin_unlock(&ulp->lock);
        kfree(new);
-   ipc_lock_by_ptr(&sma->sem_perm);
-   ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
-   sem_unlock(sma);
+   sem_putref(sma);
        goto out;
    }
-   ipc_lock_by_ptr(&sma->sem_perm);
-   ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
+   sem_lock_and_putref(sma);
    if (sma->sem_perm.deleted) {
        sem_unlock(sma);

```

```
spin_unlock(&ulp->lock);
```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 02/15] IPC/shared memory: introduce shmctl_down

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Currently, the way the different commands are handled in sys_shmctl introduces some duplicated code.

This patch introduces the shmctl_down function to handle all the commands requiring the rwmutex to be taken in write mode (ie IPC_SET and IPC_RMID for now). It is the equivalent function of semctl_down for shared memory.

This removes some duplicated code for handling these both commands and harmonizes the way they are handled among all IPCs.

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ipc/shm.c | 160 ++++++-----
1 file changed, 72 insertions(+), 88 deletions(-)

Index: b/ipc/shm.c

=====

--- a/ipc/shm.c

+++ b/ipc/shm.c

```
@ @ -625,10 +625,78 @ @ static void shm_get_stat(struct ipc_name
}
}
```

```
-asmlinkage long sys_shmctl (int shmid, int cmd, struct shmid_ds __user *buf)
```

```
+/*
```

```
+ * This function handles some shmctl commands which require the rw_mutex  
+ * to be held in write mode.
```

```
+ * NOTE: no locks must be held, the rw_mutex is taken inside this function.
```

```
+ */
```

```

+static int shmctl_down(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int shmid, int cmd,
+    struct shmids __user *buf, int version)
+{
+ struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp;
+ struct shm_setbuf setbuf;
+ struct shmids_kernel *shp;
+ int err;
+
+ if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
+ if (copy_shmids_from_user(&setbuf, buf, version))
+ return -EFAULT;
+ }
+
+ down_write(&shm_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+ shp = shm_lock_check_down(ns, shmid);
+ if (IS_ERR(shp)) {
+ err = PTR_ERR(shp);
+ goto out_up;
+ }
+
+ ipcp = &shp->shm_perm;
+
+ err = audit_ipc_obj(ipcp);
+ if (err)
+ goto out_unlock;
+
+ if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
+ err = audit_ipc_set_perm(0, setbuf.uid,
+     setbuf.gid, setbuf.mode);
+ if (err)
+ goto out_unlock;
+ }
+
+ if (current->euid != ipcp->uid &&
+     current->euid != ipcp->cuid &&
+     !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
+ err = -EPERM;
+ goto out_unlock;
+ }
+
+ err = security_shm_shmctl(shp, cmd);
+ if (err)
+ goto out_unlock;
+ switch (cmd) {
+ case IPC_RMID:
+ do_shm_rmid(ns, ipcp);
+ goto out_up;
+ case IPC_SET:

```

```

+ ipc->uid = setbuf.uid;
+ ipc->gid = setbuf.gid;
+ ipc->mode = (ipc->mode & ~S_IRWXUGO)
+ | (setbuf.mode & S_IRWXUGO);
+ shp->shm_ctim = get_seconds();
+ break;
+ default:
+ err = -EINVAL;
+ }
+out_unlock:
+ shm_unlock(shp);
+out_up:
+ up_write(&shm_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+ return err;
+}
+
+asmlinkage long sys_shmctl(int shmid, int cmd, struct shm_id_ds __user *buf)
+{
+ struct shm_kernel *shp;
+ int err, version;
+ struct ipc_namespace *ns;

```

```

@@ -784,97 +852,13 @@ asmlinkage long sys_shmctl (int shmid, i
goto out;
}

```

```

case IPC_RMID:
- {
- /*
-  * We cannot simply remove the file. The SVID states
-  * that the block remains until the last person
-  * detaches from it, then is deleted. A shmat() on
-  * an RMID segment is legal in older Linux and if
-  * we change it apps break...
-  *
-  * Instead we set a destroyed flag, and then blow
-  * the name away when the usage hits zero.
-  */
- down_write(&shm_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
- shp = shm_lock_check_down(ns, shmid);
- if (IS_ERR(shp)) {
- err = PTR_ERR(shp);
- goto out_up;
- }
-
- err = audit_ipc_obj(&(shp->shm_perm));
- if (err)
- goto out_unlock_up;
-
-

```

```

- if (current->euid != shp->shm_perm.uid &&
-     current->euid != shp->shm_perm.cuid &&
-     !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
-     err=-EPERM;
-     goto out_unlock_up;
- }
-
- err = security_shm_shmctl(shp, cmd);
- if (err)
-     goto out_unlock_up;
-
- do_shm_rmid(ns, &shp->shm_perm);
- up_write(&shm_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
- goto out;
- }
-
- case IPC_SET:
- {
-     if (!buf) {
-         err = -EFAULT;
-         goto out;
-     }
-
-     if (copy_shmid_from_user (&setbuf, buf, version)) {
-         err = -EFAULT;
-         goto out;
-     }
-     down_write(&shm_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
-     shp = shm_lock_check_down(ns, shmid);
-     if (IS_ERR(shp)) {
-         err = PTR_ERR(shp);
-         goto out_up;
-     }
-     err = audit_ipc_obj(&(shp->shm_perm));
-     if (err)
-         goto out_unlock_up;
-     err = audit_ipc_set_perm(0, setbuf.uid, setbuf.gid, setbuf.mode);
-     if (err)
-         goto out_unlock_up;
-     err=-EPERM;
-     if (current->euid != shp->shm_perm.uid &&
-         current->euid != shp->shm_perm.cuid &&
-         !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
-         goto out_unlock_up;
-     }
-
-     err = security_shm_shmctl(shp, cmd);
-     if (err)

```



```

- goto out_unlock_up;
-
- shp->shm_perm.uid = setbuf.uid;
- shp->shm_perm.gid = setbuf.gid;
- shp->shm_perm.mode = (shp->shm_perm.mode & ~S_IRWXUGO)
- | (setbuf.mode & S_IRWXUGO);
- shp->shm_ctim = get_seconds();
- break;
- }
-
+ err = shmctl_down(ns, shmid, cmd, buf, version);
+ return err;
  default:
- err = -EINVAL;
- goto out;
+ return -EINVAL;
  }

- err = 0;
-out_unlock_up:
- shm_unlock(shp);
-out_up:
- up_write(&shm_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
- goto out;
out_unlock:
  shm_unlock(shp);
out:

```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 03/15] IPC/message queues: introduce
msgctl_down

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Currently, sys_msgctl is not easy to read.

This patch tries to improve that by introducing the msgctl_down function to handle all commands requiring the rwmutex to be taken in write mode (ie IPC_SET and IPC_RMID for now). It is the equivalent function of semctl_down for message queues.

This greatly changes the readability of sys_msgctl and also harmonizes the way these commands are handled among all IPCs.

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ipc/msg.c | 162 ++++++-----
1 file changed, 89 insertions(+), 73 deletions(-)

Index: b/ipc/msg.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/msg.c
+++ b/ipc/msg.c
@@ -399,10 +399,95 @@ copy_msqid_from_user(struct msq_setbuf *
 }
 }

-asm linkage long sys_msgctl(int msqid, int cmd, struct msqid_ds __user *buf)
+/*
+ * This function handles some msgctl commands which require the rw_mutex
+ * to be held in write mode.
+ * NOTE: no locks must be held, the rw_mutex is taken inside this function.
+ */
+static int msgctl_down(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int msqid, int cmd,
+    struct msqid_ds __user *buf, int version)
+{
+    struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp;
+    struct msq_setbuf uninitialized_var(setbuf);
+    struct msq_setbuf setbuf;
+    struct msg_queue *msq;
+    int err;
+
+    if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
+        if (copy_msqid_from_user(&setbuf, buf, version))
+            return -EFAULT;
+    }
+
+    down_write(&msg_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+    msq = msg_lock_check_down(ns, msqid);
+    if (IS_ERR(msq)) {
+        err = PTR_ERR(msq);
+        goto out_up;
+    }
+
+    ipcp = &msq->q_perm;
```

```

+
+ err = audit_ipc_obj(ipcp);
+ if (err)
+ goto out_unlock;
+
+ if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
+ err = audit_ipc_set_perm(setbuf.qbytes, setbuf.uid, setbuf.gid,
+   setbuf.mode);
+ if (err)
+ goto out_unlock;
+ }
+
+ if (current->euid != ipcp->cuid &&
+   current->euid != ipcp->uid &&
+   !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
+ /* We _could_ check for CAP_CHOWN above, but we don't */
+ err = -EPERM;
+ goto out_unlock;
+ }
+
+ err = security_msg_queue_msgctl(msq, cmd);
+ if (err)
+ goto out_unlock;
+
+ switch (cmd) {
+ case IPC_RMID:
+ freeque(ns, ipcp);
+ goto out_up;
+ case IPC_SET:
+ if (setbuf.qbytes > ns->msg_ctlmnb &&
+   !capable(CAP_SYS_RESOURCE)) {
+ err = -EPERM;
+ goto out_unlock;
+ }
+
+ msq->q_qbytes = setbuf.qbytes;
+
+ ipcp->uid = setbuf.uid;
+ ipcp->gid = setbuf.gid;
+ ipcp->mode = (ipcp->mode & ~S_IRWXUGO) |
+   (S_IRWXUGO & setbuf.mode);
+ msq->q_ctime = get_seconds();
+ /* sleeping receivers might be excluded by
+  * stricter permissions.
+  */
+ expunge_all(msq, -EAGAIN);
+ /* sleeping senders might be able to send
+  * due to a larger queue size.

```

```

+ */
+ ss_wakeup(&msq->q_senders, 0);
+ break;
+ default:
+ err = -EINVAL;
+ }
+out_unlock:
+ msg_unlock(msq);
+out_up:
+ up_write(&msg_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+ return err;
+}
+
+asmlinkage long sys_msgctl(int msqid, int cmd, struct msqid_ds __user *buf)
+{
+    struct msg_queue *msq;
+    int err, version;
+    struct ipc_namespace *ns;
@@ -498,82 +583,13 @@ asmlinkage long sys_msgctl(int msqid, in
+    return success_return;
+}
+    case IPC_SET:
+    - if (!buf)
+    - return -EFAULT;
+    - if (copy_msqid_from_user(&setbuf, buf, version))
+    - return -EFAULT;
+    - break;
+    case IPC_RMID:
+    - break;
+    + err = msgctl_down(ns, msqid, cmd, buf, version);
+    + return err;
+    default:
+    return -EINVAL;
+}

- down_write(&msg_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
- msq = msg_lock_check_down(ns, msqid);
- if (IS_ERR(msq)) {
-     err = PTR_ERR(msq);
-     goto out_up;
- }
-
- ipcp = &msq->q_perm;
-
- err = audit_ipc_obj(ipcp);
- if (err)
-     goto out_unlock_up;
- if (cmd == IPC_SET) {

```

```

- err = audit_ipc_set_perm(setbuf.qbytes, setbuf.uid, setbuf.gid,
-   setbuf.mode);
- if (err)
-   goto out_unlock_up;
- }
-
- err = -EPERM;
- if (current->euid != ipcp->cuid &&
-     current->euid != ipcp->uid && !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
-   /* We _could_ check for CAP_CHOWN above, but we don't */
-   goto out_unlock_up;
-
- err = security_msg_queue_msgctl(msq, cmd);
- if (err)
-   goto out_unlock_up;
-
- switch (cmd) {
- case IPC_SET:
- {
-   err = -EPERM;
-   if (setbuf.qbytes > ns->msg_ctlmnb && !capable(CAP_SYS_RESOURCE))
-     goto out_unlock_up;
-
-   msq->q_qbytes = setbuf.qbytes;
-
-   ipcp->uid = setbuf.uid;
-   ipcp->gid = setbuf.gid;
-   ipcp->mode = (ipcp->mode & ~S_IRWXUGO) |
-     (S_IRWXUGO & setbuf.mode);
-   msq->q_ctime = get_seconds();
-   /* sleeping receivers might be excluded by
-    * stricter permissions.
-    */
-   expunge_all(msq, -EAGAIN);
-   /* sleeping senders might be able to send
-    * due to a larger queue size.
-    */
-   ss_wakeup(&msq->q_senders, 0);
-   msg_unlock(msq);
-   break;
- }
- case IPC_RMID:
-   freeque(ns, &msq->q_perm);
-   break;
- }
- err = 0;
-out_up:
- up_write(&msg_ids(ns).rw_mutex);

```

```
- return err;
-out_unlock_up:
- msg_unlock(msq);
- goto out_up;
out_unlock:
  msg_unlock(msq);
  return err;
```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 04/15] IPC/semaphores: move the rwmutex handling inside semctl_down

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semctl_down is called with the rwmutex (the one which protects the list of ipcs) taken in write mode.

This patch moves this rwmutex taken in write-mode inside semctl_down.

This has the advantages of reducing a little bit the window during which this rwmutex is taken, clarifying sys_semctl, and finally of having a coherent behaviour with [shm|msg]ctl_down

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ipc/sem.c | 24 ++++++-----
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Index: b/ipc/sem.c

=====

--- a/ipc/sem.c

+++ b/ipc/sem.c

```
@ @ -877,6 +877,11 @ @ static inline unsigned long copy_semid_f
{
}
```

+/

+ * This function handles some semctl commands which require the rw_mutex
+ * to be held in write mode.

```

+ * NOTE: no locks must be held, the rw_mutex is taken inside this function.
+ */
static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int semid, int semnum,
    int cmd, int version, union semun arg)
{
@@ -889,9 +894,12 @@ static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    if(copy_sem_id_from_user (&setbuf, arg.buf, version))
        return -EFAULT;
}
+ down_write(&sem_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+ sma = sem_lock_check_down(ns, semid);
- if (IS_ERR(sma))
- return PTR_ERR(sma);
+ if (IS_ERR(sma)) {
+ err = PTR_ERR(sma);
+ goto out_up;
+ }

    ipcp = &sma->sem_perm;

@@ -917,26 +925,22 @@ static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    switch(cmd){
    case IPC_RMID:
        freeary(ns, ipcp);
- err = 0;
- break;
+ goto out_up;
    case IPC_SET:
        ipcp->uid = setbuf.uid;
        ipcp->gid = setbuf.gid;
        ipcp->mode = (ipcp->mode & ~S_IRWXUGO)
            | (setbuf.mode & S_IRWXUGO);
        sma->sem_ctime = get_seconds();
- sem_unlock(sma);
- err = 0;
- break;
    default:
- sem_unlock(sma);
- err = -EINVAL;
- break;
    }
- return err;

out_unlock:
    sem_unlock(sma);
+out_up:
+ up_write(&sem_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+ return err;

```

```

}

@@ -970,9 +974,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i
    return err;
case IPC_RMID:
case IPC_SET:
-   down_write(&sem_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
    err = semctl_down(ns, semid, semnum, cmd, version, arg);
-   up_write(&sem_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
    return err;
default:
    return -EINVAL;

```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 05/15] IPC/semaphores: remove one unused parameter from semctl_down()
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semctl_down() takes one unused parameter: semnum.
This patch proposes to get rid of it.

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ipc/sem.c | 6 +++---
1 file changed, 3 insertions(+), 3 deletions(-)

Index: b/ipc/sem.c

```

=====
--- a/ipc/sem.c
+++ b/ipc/sem.c
@@ -882,8 +882,8 @@ static inline unsigned long copy_sem_id_f
 * to be held in write mode.
 * NOTE: no locks must be held, the rw_mutex is taken inside this function.
 */
-static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int semid, int semnum,
- int cmd, int version, union semun arg)
+static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int semid,

```



```

+     int cmd, int version, union semun arg)
+ {
+     struct sem_array *sma;
+     int err;
@@ -974,7 +974,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i
+     return err;
+     case IPC_RMID:
+     case IPC_SET:
-     err = semctl_down(ns, semid, semnum, cmd, version, arg);
+     err = semctl_down(ns, semid, cmd, version, arg);
+     return err;
+     default:
+     return -EINVAL;

```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 06/15] IPC: get rid of the use *_setbuf structure.
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All IPCs make use of an intermetiate *_setbuf structure to handle the IPC_SET command. This is not really needed and, moreover, it complicate a little bit the code.

This patch get rid of the use of it and uses directly the semid64_ds/msgid64_ds/shmid64_ds structure.

In addition of removing one struture declaration, it also simplifies and improves a little bit the common 64-bits path.
Moreover, this will simplify the code for handling the IPC_SETALL command provided in the next patch.

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```

ipc/msg.c | 51 ++++++-----
ipc/sem.c | 40 ++++++-----
ipc/shm.c | 41 ++++++-----
3 files changed, 46 insertions(+), 86 deletions(-)

```

Index: b/ipc/msg.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/msg.c
+++ b/ipc/msg.c
@@ -351,31 +351,14 @@ copy_msqid_to_user(void __user *buf, str
 }
 }

-struct msq_setbuf {
- unsigned long qbytes;
- uid_t uid;
- gid_t gid;
- mode_t mode;
-};
-
- static inline unsigned long
-copy_msqid_from_user(struct msq_setbuf *out, void __user *buf, int version)
+copy_msqid_from_user(struct msqid64_ds *out, void __user *buf, int version)
 {
     switch(version) {
     case IPC_64:
- {
-     struct msqid64_ds tbuf;
-
-     if (copy_from_user(&tbuf, buf, sizeof(tbuf)))
+ if (copy_from_user(out, buf, sizeof(*out)))
         return -EFAULT;
-
-     out->qbytes = tbuf.msg_qbytes;
-     out->uid = tbuf.msg_perm.uid;
-     out->gid = tbuf.msg_perm.gid;
-     out->mode = tbuf.msg_perm.mode;
-
-     return 0;
- }
     case IPC_OLD:
     {
         struct msqid_ds tbuf_old;
@@ -383,14 +366,14 @@ copy_msqid_from_user(struct msq_setbuf *
         if (copy_from_user(&tbuf_old, buf, sizeof(tbuf_old)))
             return -EFAULT;

-         out->uid = tbuf_old.msg_perm.uid;
-         out->gid = tbuf_old.msg_perm.gid;
-         out->mode = tbuf_old.msg_perm.mode;
+         out->msg_perm.uid = tbuf_old.msg_perm.uid;
+         out->msg_perm.gid = tbuf_old.msg_perm.gid;
```

```

+ out->msg_perm.mode    = tbuf_old.msg_perm.mode;

    if (tbuf_old.msg_qbytes == 0)
-   out->qbytes = tbuf_old.msg_lqbytes;
+   out->msg_qbytes = tbuf_old.msg_lqbytes;
    else
-   out->qbytes = tbuf_old.msg_qbytes;
+   out->msg_qbytes = tbuf_old.msg_qbytes;

    return 0;
}
@@ -408,12 +391,12 @@ static int msgctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    struct msqid_ds __user *buf, int version)
{
    struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp;
- struct msq_setbuf setbuf;
+ struct msqid64_ds msqid64;
    struct msg_queue *msq;
    int err;

    if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
-   if (copy_msqid_from_user(&setbuf, buf, version))
+   if (copy_msqid_from_user(&msqid64, buf, version))
        return -EFAULT;
    }

@@ -431,8 +414,10 @@ static int msgctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    goto out_unlock;

    if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
-   err = audit_ipc_set_perm(setbuf.qbytes, setbuf.uid, setbuf.gid,
-   setbuf.mode);
+   err = audit_ipc_set_perm(msqid64.msg_qbytes,
+   msqid64.msg_perm.uid,
+   msqid64.msg_perm.gid,
+   msqid64.msg_perm.mode);
        if (err)
            goto out_unlock;
    }
@@ -454,18 +439,18 @@ static int msgctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    freeque(ns, ipcp);
    goto out_up;
    case IPC_SET:
-   if (setbuf.qbytes > ns->msg_ctlmnib &&
+   if (msqid64.msg_qbytes > ns->msg_ctlmnib &&
        !capable(CAP_SYS_RESOURCE)) {
        err = -EPERM;
        goto out_unlock;
    }

```

```

}

- msq->q_qbytes = setbuf.qbytes;
+ msq->q_qbytes = msqid64.msg_qbytes;

- ipcp->uid = setbuf.uid;
- ipcp->gid = setbuf.gid;
+ ipcp->uid = msqid64.msg_perm.uid;
+ ipcp->gid = msqid64.msg_perm.gid;
  ipcp->mode = (ipcp->mode & ~S_IRWXUGO) |
-   (S_IRWXUGO & setbuf.mode);
+   (S_IRWXUGO & msqid64.msg_perm.mode);
  msq->q_ctime = get_seconds();
  /* sleeping receivers might be excluded by
   * stricter permissions.

```

Index: b/ipc/sem.c

```

=====
--- a/ipc/sem.c
+++ b/ipc/sem.c
@@ -837,28 +837,14 @@ out_free:
     return err;
 }

-struct sem_setbuf {
- uid_t uid;
- gid_t gid;
- mode_t mode;
-};
-
-static inline unsigned long copy_semid_from_user(struct sem_setbuf *out, void __user *buf, int
version)
+static inline unsigned long
+copy_semid_from_user(struct semid64_ds *out, void __user *buf, int version)
{
    switch(version) {
    case IPC_64:
-     {
- struct semid64_ds tbuf;
-
- if(copy_from_user(&tbuf, buf, sizeof(tbuf)))
+ if (copy_from_user(out, buf, sizeof(*out)))
        return -EFAULT;
-
- out->uid = tbuf.sem_perm.uid;
- out->gid = tbuf.sem_perm.gid;
- out->mode = tbuf.sem_perm.mode;
-
        return 0;

```

```

-   }
  case IPC_OLD:
  {
    struct semid_ds tbuf_old;
@@ -866,9 +852,9 @@ static inline unsigned long copy_sem_id_f
    if(copy_from_user(&tbuf_old, buf, sizeof(tbuf_old)))
        return -EFAULT;

-   out->uid = tbuf_old.sem_perm.uid;
-   out->gid = tbuf_old.sem_perm.gid;
-   out->mode = tbuf_old.sem_perm.mode;
+   out->sem_perm.uid = tbuf_old.sem_perm.uid;
+   out->sem_perm.gid = tbuf_old.sem_perm.gid;
+   out->sem_perm.mode = tbuf_old.sem_perm.mode;

    return 0;
  }
@@ -887,11 +873,11 @@ static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
{
    struct sem_array *sma;
    int err;
-   struct sem_setbuf uninitialized_var(setbuf);
+   struct semid64_ds semid64;
    struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp;

    if(cmd == IPC_SET) {
-   if(copy_sem_id_from_user (&setbuf, arg.buf, version))
+   if (copy_sem_id_from_user(&semid64, arg.buf, version))
        return -EFAULT;
    }
    down_write(&sem_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
@@ -908,7 +894,9 @@ static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    goto out_unlock;

    if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
-   err = audit_ipc_set_perm(0, setbuf.uid, setbuf.gid, setbuf.mode);
+   err = audit_ipc_set_perm(0, semid64.sem_perm.uid,
+   semid64.sem_perm.gid,
+   semid64.sem_perm.mode);
        if (err)
            goto out_unlock;
    }
@@ -927,10 +915,10 @@ static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    freeary(ns, ipcp);
    goto out_up;
    case IPC_SET:
-   ipcp->uid = setbuf.uid;
-   ipcp->gid = setbuf.gid;

```

```

+ ipc->uid = semid64.sem_perm.uid;
+ ipc->gid = semid64.sem_perm.gid;
  ipc->mode = (ipc->mode & ~S_IRWXUGO)
-   | (setbuf.mode & S_IRWXUGO);
+   | (semid64.sem_perm.mode & S_IRWXUGO);
  sma->sem_ctime = get_seconds();
  break;
default:

```

Index: b/ipc/shm.c

```

=====
--- a/ipc/shm.c
+++ b/ipc/shm.c
@@ -520,28 +520,14 @@ static inline unsigned long copy_shmid_t
 }
 }

-struct shm_setbuf {
- uid_t uid;
- gid_t gid;
- mode_t mode;
-};
-
-static inline unsigned long copy_shmid_from_user(struct shm_setbuf *out, void __user *buf, int
version)
+static inline unsigned long
+copy_shmid_from_user(struct shm64_ds *out, void __user *buf, int version)
 {
   switch(version) {
     case IPC_64:
-   {
-   struct shm64_ds tbuf;
-
-   if (copy_from_user(&tbuf, buf, sizeof(tbuf)))
+   if (copy_from_user(out, buf, sizeof(*out)))
       return -EFAULT;
-
-   out->uid = tbuf.shm_perm.uid;
-   out->gid = tbuf.shm_perm.gid;
-   out->mode = tbuf.shm_perm.mode;
-
-   return 0;
-   }
     case IPC_OLD:
     {
       struct shm_ds tbuf_old;
@@ -549,9 +535,9 @@ static inline unsigned long copy_shmid_f
       if (copy_from_user(&tbuf_old, buf, sizeof(tbuf_old)))
         return -EFAULT;

```

```

- out->uid = tbuf_old.shm_perm.uid;
- out->gid = tbuf_old.shm_perm.gid;
- out->mode = tbuf_old.shm_perm.mode;
+ out->shm_perm.uid = tbuf_old.shm_perm.uid;
+ out->shm_perm.gid = tbuf_old.shm_perm.gid;
+ out->shm_perm.mode = tbuf_old.shm_perm.mode;

    return 0;
}
@@ -634,12 +620,12 @@ static int shmctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    struct shmid_ds __user *buf, int version)
{
    struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp;
- struct shm_setbuf setbuf;
+ struct shmid64_ds shmid64;
    struct shmid_kernel *shp;
    int err;

    if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
- if (copy_shmid_from_user(&setbuf, buf, version))
+ if (copy_shmid64_from_user(&shmid64, buf, version))
        return -EFAULT;
    }

@@ -657,8 +643,9 @@ static int shmctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    goto out_unlock;

    if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
- err = audit_ipc_set_perm(0, setbuf.uid,
-     setbuf.gid, setbuf.mode);
+ err = audit_ipc_set_perm(0, shmid64.shm_perm.uid,
+     shmid64.shm_perm.gid,
+     shmid64.shm_perm.mode);
    if (err)
        goto out_unlock;
    }
@@ -678,10 +665,10 @@ static int shmctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    do_shm_rmid(ns, ipcp);
    goto out_up;
    case IPC_SET:
- ipcp->uid = setbuf.uid;
- ipcp->gid = setbuf.gid;
+ ipcp->uid = shmid64.shm_perm.uid;
+ ipcp->gid = shmid64.shm_perm.gid;
    ipcp->mode = (ipcp->mode & ~S_IRWXUGO)
- | (setbuf.mode & S_IRWXUGO);
+ | (shmid64.shm_perm.mode & S_IRWXUGO);

```

```
shp->shm_ctim = get_seconds();
break;
default:
```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 07/15] IPC: introduce ipc_update_perm()
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The IPC_SET command performs the same permission setting for all IPCs.
This patch introduces a common ipc_update_perm() function to update these
permissions and makes use of it for all IPCs.

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```
ipc/msg.c | 5 +----
ipc/sem.c | 5 +----
ipc/shm.c | 5 +----
ipc/util.c | 13 ++++++++
ipc/util.h | 1 +
5 files changed, 17 insertions(+), 12 deletions(-)
```

Index: b/ipc/msg.c

=====

--- a/ipc/msg.c

+++ b/ipc/msg.c

@@ -447,10 +447,7 @@ static int msgctl_down(struct ipc_namesp

```
msq->q_qbytes = msqid64.msg_qbytes;
```

```
- ipcp->uid = msqid64.msg_perm.uid;
- ipcp->gid = msqid64.msg_perm.gid;
- ipcp->mode = (ipcp->mode & ~S_IRWXUGO) |
-   (S_IRWXUGO & msqid64.msg_perm.mode);
+ ipc_update_perm(&msqid64.msg_perm, ipcp);
msq->q_ctime = get_seconds();
/* sleeping receivers might be excluded by
```


* stricter permissions.

Index: b/ipc/sem.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/sem.c
+++ b/ipc/sem.c
@@ -915,10 +915,7 @@ static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
     freeary(ns, ipcp);
     goto out_up;
     case IPC_SET:
-    ipcp->uid = semid64.sem_perm.uid;
-    ipcp->gid = semid64.sem_perm.gid;
-    ipcp->mode = (ipcp->mode & ~S_IRWXUGO)
-    | (semid64.sem_perm.mode & S_IRWXUGO);
+    ipc_update_perm(&semid64.sem_perm, ipcp);
     sma->sem_ctime = get_seconds();
     break;
     default:
```

Index: b/ipc/shm.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/shm.c
+++ b/ipc/shm.c
@@ -665,10 +665,7 @@ static int shmctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
     do_shm_rmid(ns, ipcp);
     goto out_up;
     case IPC_SET:
-    ipcp->uid = shmid64.shm_perm.uid;
-    ipcp->gid = shmid64.shm_perm.gid;
-    ipcp->mode = (ipcp->mode & ~S_IRWXUGO)
-    | (shmid64.shm_perm.mode & S_IRWXUGO);
+    ipc_update_perm(&shmid64.shm_perm, ipcp);
     shp->shm_ctim = get_seconds();
     break;
     default:
```

Index: b/ipc/util.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/util.c
+++ b/ipc/util.c
@@ -761,6 +761,19 @@ int ipcget(struct ipc_namespace *ns, str
     return ipcget_public(ns, ids, ops, params);
 }

+/**
+ * ipc_update_perm - update the permissions of an IPC.
+ * @in: the permission given as input.
+ * @out: the permission of the ipc to set.
+ */
+void ipc_update_perm(struct ipc64_perm *in, struct kern_ipc_perm *out)
+{
```

```

+ out->uid = in->uid;
+ out->gid = in->gid;
+ out->mode = (out->mode & ~S_IRWXUGO)
+ | (in->mode & S_IRWXUGO);
+}
+
#ifdef __ARCH_WANT_IPC_PARSE_VERSION

```

Index: b/ipc/util.h

```

=====
--- a/ipc/util.h
+++ b/ipc/util.h
@@ -112,6 +112,7 @@ struct kern_ipc_perm *ipc_lock(struct ip

void kernel_to_ipc64_perm(struct kern_ipc_perm *in, struct ipc64_perm *out);
void ipc64_perm_to_ipc_perm(struct ipc64_perm *in, struct ipc_perm *out);
+void ipc_update_perm(struct ipc64_perm *in, struct kern_ipc_perm *out);

#ifdef __ia64__ || defined(__x86_64__) || defined(__hppa__) || defined(__XTENSA__)
/* On IA-64, we always use the "64-bit version" of the IPC structures. */

```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 08/15] IPC: consolidate all xxxctl_down() functions

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semctl_down(), msgctl_down() and shmctl_down() are used to handle the same set of commands for each kind of IPC. They all start to do the same job (they retrieve the ipc and do some permission checks) before handling the commands on their own.

This patch proposes to consolidate this by moving these same pieces of code into one common function called ipcctl_pre_down(). It simplifies a little these xxxctl_down() functions and increases a little the maintainability.

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```

ipc/msg.c | 48 +++++-----
ipc/sem.c | 42 +++++-----
ipc/shm.c | 42 +++++-----
ipc/util.c | 51 ++++++-----
ipc/util.h | 2 ++
5 files changed, 66 insertions(+), 119 deletions(-)

```

Index: b/ipc/sem.c

```

=====
--- a/ipc/sem.c
+++ b/ipc/sem.c
@@ -142,21 +142,6 @@ void __init sem_init (void)
 }

/*
- * This routine is called in the paths where the rw_mutex is held to protect
- * access to the idr tree.
- */
-static inline struct sem_array *sem_lock_check_down(struct ipc_namespace *ns,
-    int id)
-{
- struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp = ipc_lock_check_down(&sem_ids(ns), id);
-
- if (IS_ERR(ipcp))
- return (struct sem_array *)ipcp;
-
- return container_of(ipcp, struct sem_array, sem_perm);
-}
-
-/*
- * sem_lock_(check_) routines are called in the paths where the rw_mutex
- * is not held.
- */
@@ -880,31 +865,12 @@ static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    if (copy_semid_from_user(&semid64, arg.buf, version))
        return -EFAULT;
}
- down_write(&sem_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
- sma = sem_lock_check_down(ns, semid);
- if (IS_ERR(sma)) {
- err = PTR_ERR(sma);
- goto out_up;
- }
-
- ipcp = &sma->sem_perm;

- err = audit_ipc_obj(ipcp);
- if (err)

```

```
- goto out_unlock;
+ ipcctl_pre_down(&sem_ids(ns), semid, cmd, &semid64.sem_perm, 0);
+ if (IS_ERR(ipcctl_pre_down))
+ return PTR_ERR(ipcctl_pre_down);
```

```
- if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
- err = audit_ipc_set_perm(0, semid64.sem_perm.uid,
-   semid64.sem_perm.gid,
-   semid64.sem_perm.mode);
- if (err)
- goto out_unlock;
- }
- if (current->euid != ipcctl_pre_down->cuid &&
-   current->euid != ipcctl_pre_down->uid && !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
-   err=-EPERM;
- goto out_unlock;
- }
+ sma = container_of(ipcctl_pre_down, struct sem_array, sem_perm);
```

```
err = security_sem_semctl(sma, cmd);
if (err)
```

Index: b/ipc/util.c

```
=====
```

```
--- a/ipc/util.c
```

```
+++ b/ipc/util.c
```

```
@@ -774,6 +774,57 @@ void ipc_update_perm(struct ipc64_perm *
| (in->mode & S_IRWXUGO);
}
```

```
+/**
```

```
+ * ipcctl_pre_down - retrieve an ipc and check permissions for some IPC_XXX cmd
```

```
+ * @ids: the table of ids where to look for the ipc
```

```
+ * @id: the id of the ipc to retrieve
```

```
+ * @cmd: the cmd to check
```

```
+ * @perm: the permission to set
```

```
+ * @extra_perm: one extra permission parameter used by msg
```

```
+ *
```

```
+ * This function does some common audit and permissions check for some IPC_XXX
```

```
+ * cmd and is called from semctl_down, shmctl_down and msgctl_down.
```

```
+ * It must be called without any lock held and
```

```
+ * - retrieves the ipc with the given id in the given table.
```

```
+ * - performs some audit and permission check, depending on the given cmd
```

```
+ * - returns the ipc with both ipc and rw_mutex locks held in case of success
```

```
+ * or an err-code without any lock held otherwise.
```

```
+ */
```

```
+struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcctl_pre_down(struct ipc_ids *ids, int id, int cmd,
```

```
+   struct ipc64_perm *perm, int extra_perm)
```

```
+{
```

```

+ struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp;
+ int err;
+
+ down_write(&ids->rw_mutex);
+ ipcp = ipc_lock_check_down(ids, id);
+ if (IS_ERR(ipcp)) {
+   err = PTR_ERR(ipcp);
+   goto out_up;
+ }
+
+ err = audit_ipc_obj(ipcp);
+ if (err)
+   goto out_unlock;
+
+ if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
+   err = audit_ipc_set_perm(extrat_perm, perm->uid,
+     perm->gid, perm->mode);
+   if (err)
+     goto out_unlock;
+ }
+ if (current->euid == ipcp->cuid ||
+   current->euid == ipcp->uid || capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+   return ipcp;
+
+ err = -EPERM;
+out_unlock:
+ ipc_unlock(ipcp);
+out_up:
+ up_write(&ids->rw_mutex);
+ return ERR_PTR(err);
+}
+
+#ifdef __ARCH_WANT_IPC_PARSE_VERSION

```

Index: b/ipc/util.h

```

=====
--- a/ipc/util.h
+++ b/ipc/util.h
@@ -113,6 +113,8 @@ struct kern_ipc_perm *ipc_lock(struct ip
void kernel_to_ipc64_perm(struct kern_ipc_perm *in, struct ipc64_perm *out);
void ipc64_perm_to_ipc_perm(struct ipc64_perm *in, struct ipc_perm *out);
void ipc_update_perm(struct ipc64_perm *in, struct kern_ipc_perm *out);
+struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcctl_pre_down(struct ipc_ids *ids, int id, int cmd,
+   struct ipc64_perm *perm, int extrat_perm);

#if defined(__ia64__) || defined(__x86_64__) || defined(__hppa__) || defined(__XTENSA__)
/* On IA-64, we always use the "64-bit version" of the IPC structures. */

```

Index: b/ipc/msg.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/msg.c
+++ b/ipc/msg.c
@@ -104,21 +104,6 @@ void __init msg_init(void)
 }

/*
- * This routine is called in the paths where the rw_mutex is held to protect
- * access to the idr tree.
- */
-static inline struct msg_queue *msg_lock_check_down(struct ipc_namespace *ns,
-    int id)
-{
- struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp = ipc_lock_check_down(&msg_ids(ns), id);
-
- if (IS_ERR(ipcp))
- return (struct msg_queue *)ipcp;
-
- return container_of(ipcp, struct msg_queue, q_perm);
-}
-
-/*
- * msg_lock_(check_) routines are called in the paths where the rw_mutex
- * is not held.
- */
@@ -400,35 +385,12 @@ static int msgctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    return -EFAULT;
}

- down_write(&msg_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
- msq = msg_lock_check_down(ns, msqid);
- if (IS_ERR(msq)) {
- err = PTR_ERR(msq);
- goto out_up;
- }
-
- ipcp = &msq->q_perm;
-
- err = audit_ipc_obj(ipcp);
- if (err)
- goto out_unlock;
-
- if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
- err = audit_ipc_set_perm(msqid64.msg_qbytes,
-    msqid64.msg_perm.uid,
-    msqid64.msg_perm.gid,
-    msqid64.msg_perm.mode);

```

```

- if (err)
- goto out_unlock;
- }
+ ipcctl_pre_down(&msg_ids(ns), msqid, cmd,
+ &msqid64.msg_perm, msqid64.msg_qbytes);
+ if (IS_ERR(ipcp))
+ return PTR_ERR(ipcp);

- if (current->euid != ipcp->cuid &&
-     current->euid != ipcp->uid &&
-     !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
- /* We _could_ check for CAP_CHOWN above, but we don't */
- err = -EPERM;
- goto out_unlock;
- }
+ msq = container_of(ipcp, struct msg_queue, q_perm);

```

```
err = security_msg_queue_msgctl(msq, cmd);
```

```
if (err)
```

```
Index: b/ipc/shm.c
```

```
=====
```

```
--- a/ipc/shm.c
```

```
+++ b/ipc/shm.c
```

```
@@ -127,18 +127,6 @@ static inline struct shmid_kernel *shm_l
return container_of(ipcp, struct shmid_kernel, shm_perm);
}
```

```

-static inline struct shmid_kernel *shm_lock_check_down(
- struct ipc_namespace *ns,
- int id)
-{
- struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp = ipc_lock_check_down(&shm_ids(ns), id);
-
- if (IS_ERR(ipcp))
- return (struct shmid_kernel *)ipcp;
-
- return container_of(ipcp, struct shmid_kernel, shm_perm);
-}

```

```
/*
```

```

* shm_lock_(check_) routines are called in the paths where the rw_mutex
* is not held.

```

```

@@ -629,33 +617,11 @@ static int shmctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
return -EFAULT;
}

```

```

- down_write(&shm_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
- shp = shm_lock_check_down(ns, shmid);

```

```

- if (IS_ERR(shp)) {
-   err = PTR_ERR(shp);
-   goto out_up;
- }
-
- ipcp = &shp->shm_perm;
-
- err = audit_ipc_obj(ipcp);
- if (err)
-   goto out_unlock;
-
- if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
-   err = audit_ipc_set_perm(0, shmid64.shm_perm.uid,
-     shmid64.shm_perm.gid,
-     shmid64.shm_perm.mode);
-   if (err)
-     goto out_unlock;
- }
+ ipcp = ipcctl_pre_down(&shm_ids(ns), shmid, cmd, &shmid64.shm_perm, 0);
+ if (IS_ERR(ipcp))
+   return PTR_ERR(ipcp);

- if (current->euid != ipcp->uid &&
-     current->euid != ipcp->cuid &&
-     !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
-   err = -EPERM;
-   goto out_unlock;
- }
+ shp = container_of(ipcp, struct shmid_kernel, shm_perm);

err = security_shm_shmctl(shp, cmd);
if (err)

```

--

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID

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This patch provides three new API to change the ID of an existing System V IPCs.

These APIs are:

```
long msg_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);
long sem_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);
long shm_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);
```

They return 0 or an error code in case of failure.

They may be useful for setting a specific ID for an IPC when preparing a restart operation.

To be successful, the following rules must be respected:

- the IPC exists (of course...)
- the new ID must satisfy the ID computation rule.
- the entry in the idr corresponding to the new ID must be free.

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```
include/linux/msg.h | 2 ++
include/linux/sem.h | 2 ++
include/linux/shm.h | 3 +++
ipc/msg.c           | 45 +++++
ipc/sem.c           | 51 +++++
ipc/shm.c           | 45 +++++
ipc/util.c          | 48 +++++
ipc/util.h          | 1 +
8 files changed, 197 insertions(+)
```

Index: b/include/linux/msg.h

=====

--- a/include/linux/msg.h

+++ b/include/linux/msg.h

@@ -63,6 +63,7 @@ struct msginfo {

#ifdef __KERNEL__

#include <linux/list.h>

+#include <linux/ipc_namespace.h>

/* one msg_msg structure for each message */

struct msg_msg {

@@ -96,6 +97,7 @@ extern long do_msgsnd(int msqid, long mt
size_t msgsz, int msgflg);

extern long do_msgrcv(int msqid, long *pmttype, void __user *mtext,
size_t msgsz, long msgtyp, int msgflg);

```
+long msg_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);
```

```
#endif /* __KERNEL__ */
```

Index: b/include/linux/sem.h

```
=====
```

```
--- a/include/linux/sem.h
```

```
+++ b/include/linux/sem.h
```

```
@@ -138,9 +138,11 @@ struct sysv_sem {  
};
```

```
#ifdef CONFIG_SYSVIPC
```

```
+#include <linux/ipc_namespace.h>
```

```
extern int copy_semundo(unsigned long clone_flags, struct task_struct *tsk);
```

```
extern void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk);
```

```
+long sem_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);
```

```
#else
```

```
static inline int copy_semundo(unsigned long clone_flags, struct task_struct *tsk)
```

Index: b/include/linux/shm.h

```
=====
```

```
--- a/include/linux/shm.h
```

```
+++ b/include/linux/shm.h
```

```
@@ -104,8 +104,11 @@ struct shmid_kernel /* private to the ke
```

```
#define SHM_NORESERVE 010000 /* don't check for reservations */
```

```
#ifdef CONFIG_SYSVIPC
```

```
+#include <linux/ipc_namespace.h>
```

```
+
```

```
long do_shmat(int shmid, char __user *shmaddr, int shmflg, unsigned long *addr);
```

```
extern int is_file_shm_hugepages(struct file *file);
```

```
+long shm_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);
```

```
#else
```

```
static inline long do_shmat(int shmid, char __user *shmaddr,  
    int shmflg, unsigned long *addr)
```

Index: b/ipc/msg.c

```
=====
```

```
--- a/ipc/msg.c
```

```
+++ b/ipc/msg.c
```

```
@@ -291,6 +291,51 @@ asmlinkage long sys_msgget(key_t key, in  
    return ipcget(ns, &msg_ids(ns), &msg_ops, &msg_params);  
}
```

```
/* must be called with mutex and msq locks held */
```

```
+static long msg_chid_nolock(struct ipc_namespace *ns, struct msg_queue *msq,
```

```
+    int newid)
```

```
+{
```

```

+ long err;
+
+ err = ipc_chid(&msg_ids(ns), msq->q_perm.id, newid);
+ if (!err)
+   msq->q_ctime = get_seconds();
+
+ return err;
+}
+
+/* API to use for changing an id from kernel space, not from the syscall, as
+   there is no permission check done here */
+long msg_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid)
+{
+ long err;
+ struct msg_queue *msq;
+
+retry:
+ err = idr_pre_get(&msg_ids(ns).ipcs_idr, GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (!err)
+   return -ENOMEM;
+
+ down_write(&msg_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+ msq = msg_lock_check(ns, id);
+
+ if (IS_ERR(msq)) {
+   up_write(&msg_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+   return PTR_ERR(msq);
+ }
+
+ err = msg_chid_nolock(ns, msq, newid);
+
+ msg_unlock(msq);
+ up_write(&msg_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+
+ /* ipc_chid may return -EAGAIN in case of memory requirement */
+ if (err == -EAGAIN)
+   goto retry;
+
+ return err;
+}
+
+static inline unsigned long
+copy_msqid_to_user(void __user *buf, struct msqid64_ds *in, int version)
+{
Index: b/ipc/sem.c
=====
--- a/ipc/sem.c
+++ b/ipc/sem.c

```

```

@@ -564,6 +564,57 @@ static void freeary(struct ipc_namespace
    ipc_rcu_putref(sma);
}

+/* must be called with rw_mutex and sma locks held */
+static long sem_chid_nolock(struct ipc_namespace *ns, struct sem_array *sma,
+    int newid)
+{
+ long err;
+
+ err = ipc_chid(&sem_ids(ns), sma->sem_perm.id, newid);
+
+ if (!err) {
+ struct sem_undo *un;
+ for (un = sma->undo; un; un = un->id_next)
+ un->semid = newid;
+
+ sma->sem_ctime = get_seconds();
+ }
+
+ return err;
+}
+
+/* API to use for changing an id from kernel space, not from the syscall, as
+ there is no permission check done here */
+long sem_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid)
+{
+ long err;
+ struct sem_array *sma;
+
+ retry:
+ err = idr_pre_get(&sem_ids(ns).ipcs_idr, GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (!err)
+ return -ENOMEM;
+
+ down_write(&sem_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+ sma = sem_lock_check(ns, id);
+
+ if (IS_ERR(sma)) {
+ up_write(&sem_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+ return PTR_ERR(sma);
+ }
+
+ err = sem_chid_nolock(ns, sma, newid);
+
+ sem_unlock(sma);
+ up_write(&sem_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+
+

```

```

+ /* ipc_chid may return -EAGAIN in case of memory requirement */
+ if (err == -EAGAIN)
+   goto retry;
+
+ return err;
+}
+
+ static unsigned long copy_semids_to_user(void __user *buf, struct semid64_ds *in, int version)
+ {
+   switch(version) {
+
+Index: b/ipc/shm.c
=====
--- a/ipc/shm.c
+++ b/ipc/shm.c
@@ -162,7 +162,52 @@ static inline int shm_addid(struct ipc_n
+   return ipc_addid(&shm_ids(ns), &shp->shm_perm, ns->shm_ctlmni);
+ }

+/* must be called with mutex and shp locks held */
+static long shm_chid_nolock(struct ipc_namespace *ns, struct shmid_kernel *shp,
+   int newid)
+{
+   long err;
+
+   err = ipc_chid(&shm_ids(ns), shp->shm_perm.id, newid);
+   if (!err) {
+     shp->shm_file->f_dentry->d_inode->i_ino = newid;
+     shp->shm_ctim = get_seconds();
+   }
+
+   return err;
+}
+
+/* API to use for changing an id from kernel space, not from the syscall, as
+   there is no permission check done here */
+long shm_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid)
+{
+   long err;
+   struct shmid_kernel *shp;
+
+   retry:
+   err = idr_pre_get(&shm_ids(ns).ipcs_idr, GFP_KERNEL);
+   if (!err)
+     return -ENOMEM;
+
+   down_write(&shm_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+   shp = shm_lock_check(ns, id);
+
+

```

```

+ if (IS_ERR(shp)) {
+   up_write(&shm_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+   return PTR_ERR(shp);
+ }
+
+ err = shm_chid_nolock(ns, shp, newid);

+ shm_unlock(shp);
+ up_write(&shm_ids(ns).rw_mutex);
+
+ /* ipc_chid may return -EAGAIN in case of memory requirement */
+ if (err == -EAGAIN)
+   goto retry;
+
+ return err;
+}

```

/* This is called by fork, once for every shm attach. */

static void shm_open(struct vm_area_struct *vma)

Index: b/ipc/util.c

=====

--- a/ipc/util.c

+++ b/ipc/util.c

@ @ -363,6 +363,54 @ @ retry:

```

/**
+ * ipc_chid - change an IPC identifier
+ * @ids: IPC identifier set
+ * @oldid: ID of the IPC permission set to move
+ * @newid: new ID of the IPC permission set to move
+ *
+ * Move an entry in the IPC idr from the 'oldid' place to the
+ * 'newid' place. The seq number of the entry is updated to match the
+ * 'newid' value.
+ *
+ * Called with the ipc lock and ipc_ids.rw_mutex held.
+ */
+int ipc_chid(struct ipc_ids *ids, int oldid, int newid)
+{
+ struct kern_ipc_perm *p;
+ int old_lid = oldid % SEQ_MULTIPLIER;
+ int new_lid = newid % SEQ_MULTIPLIER;
+
+ if (newid != (new_lid + (newid/SEQ_MULTIPLIER)*SEQ_MULTIPLIER))
+   return -EINVAL;
+
+ p = idr_find(&ids->ipcs_idr, old_lid);

```

```

+
+ if (!p)
+ return -EINVAL;
+
+ /* The idx in the idr may be the same but not the seq number. */
+ if (new_lid != old_lid) {
+ int id, err;
+
+ err = idr_get_new_above(&ids->ipcs_idr, p, new_lid, &id);
+ if (err)
+ return err;
+
+ /* do we get our wished id ? */
+ if (id == new_lid) {
+ idr_remove(&ids->ipcs_idr, old_lid);
+ } else {
+ idr_remove(&ids->ipcs_idr, id);
+ return -EBUSY;
+ }
+ }
+
+ p->id = newid;
+ p->seq = newid/SEQ_MULTIPLIER;
+ return 0;
+}
+
+/**

```

```

* ipc_rmid - remove an IPC identifier
* @ids: IPC identifier set
* @ipcp: ipc perm structure containing the identifier to remove
Index: b/ipc/util.h

```

```

=====
--- a/ipc/util.h
+++ b/ipc/util.h
@@ -85,6 +85,7 @@ int ipc_get_maxid(struct ipc_ids *);
void ipc_rmid(struct ipc_ids *, struct kern_ipc_perm *);

/* must be called with ipcp locked */
+int ipc_chid(struct ipc_ids *ids, int oldid, int newid);
int ipcperms(struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp, short flg);

```

/* for rare, potentially huge allocations.

--
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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 10/15] (RFC) IPC: new IPC_SETID command to modify an ID

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This patch adds a new IPC_SETID command to the System V IPCs set of commands, which allows to change the ID of an existing IPC.

This command can be used through the semctl/shmctl/msgctl API, with the new ID passed as the third argument for msgctl and shmctl (instead of a pointer) and through the fourth argument for semctl.

To be successful, the following rules must be respected:

- the IPC exists
- the user must be allowed to change the IPC attributes regarding the IPC permissions.
- the new ID must satisfy the ID computation rule.
- the entry (in the kernel internal table of IPCs) corresponding to the new ID must be free.

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Acked-by: Serge Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>

```
include/linux/ipc.h    |  9 +++++----
ipc/compat.c           |  3 +++
ipc/msg.c              | 27 ++++++++++++++++++++++
ipc/sem.c              | 27 ++++++++++++++++++++++
ipc/shm.c              | 27 ++++++++++++++++++++++
security/selinux/hooks.c |  3 +++
6 files changed, 89 insertions(+), 7 deletions(-)
```

Index: b/include/linux/ipc.h

```
=====
--- a/include/linux/ipc.h
+++ b/include/linux/ipc.h
@@ -35,10 +35,11 @@ struct ipc_perm
 * Control commands used with semctl, msgctl and shmctl
 * see also specific commands in sem.h, msg.h and shm.h
 */
-#define IPC_RMID 0    /* remove resource */
-#define IPC_SET  1    /* set ipc_perm options */
-#define IPC_STAT 2    /* get ipc_perm options */
```



```

-#define IPC_INFO 3    /* see ipcs */
+#define IPC_RMID 0    /* remove resource */
+#define IPC_SET 1     /* set ipc_perm options */
+#define IPC_STAT 2    /* get ipc_perm options */
+#define IPC_INFO 3    /* see ipcs */
+#define IPC_SETID 4   /* set ipc ID */

/*
 * Version flags for semctl, msgctl, and shmctl commands
Index: b/ipc/compat.c
=====
--- a/ipc/compat.c
+++ b/ipc/compat.c
@@ -253,6 +253,7 @@ long compat_sys_semctl(int first, int se
    switch (third & (~IPC_64)) {
    case IPC_INFO:
    case IPC_RMID:
+ case IPC_SETID:
    case SEM_INFO:
    case GETVAL:
    case GETPID:
@@ -425,6 +426,7 @@ long compat_sys_msgctl(int first, int se
    switch (second & (~IPC_64)) {
    case IPC_INFO:
    case IPC_RMID:
+ case IPC_SETID:
    case MSG_INFO:
    err = sys_msgctl(first, second, uptr);
    break;
@@ -597,6 +599,7 @@ long compat_sys_shmctl(int first, int se

    switch (second & (~IPC_64)) {
    case IPC_RMID:
+ case IPC_SETID:
    case SHM_LOCK:
    case SHM_UNLOCK:
    err = sys_shmctl(first, second, uptr);
Index: b/ipc/msg.c
=====
--- a/ipc/msg.c
+++ b/ipc/msg.c
@@ -329,7 +329,8 @@ retry:
    msg_unlock(msq);
    up_write(&msg_ids(ns).rw_mutex);

- /* ipc_chid may return -EAGAIN in case of memory requirement */
+ /* msg_chid_nolock may return -EAGAIN if there is no more free idr
+  entry, just go and retry by filling again de idr cache */

```

```

if (err == -EAGAIN)
    goto retry;

@@ -465,6 +466,9 @@ static int msgctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    */
    ss_wakeup(&msq->q_senders, 0);
    break;
+ case IPC_SETID:
+ err = msg_chid_nolock(ns, msq, (int)(long)buf);
+ break;
    default:
        err = -EINVAL;
    }
@@ -475,6 +479,24 @@ out_up:
    return err;
}

+static int msgctl_setid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int msqid, int cmd,
+ struct msqid_ds __user *buf, int version)
+{
+ int err;
+retry:
+ err = idr_pre_get(&msg_ids(ns).ipcs_idr, GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (!err)
+ return -ENOMEM;
+
+ err = msgctl_down(ns, msqid, cmd, buf, version);
+
+ /* msgctl_down may return -EAGAIN if there is no more free idr
+ entry, just go and retry by filling again de idr cache */
+ if (err == -EAGAIN)
+ goto retry;
+ return err;
+}
+
+asmlinkage long sys_msgctl(int msqid, int cmd, struct msqid_ds __user *buf)
+{
+ struct msg_queue *msq;
@@ -575,6 +597,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_msgctl(int msqid, in
    case IPC_RMID:
        err = msgctl_down(ns, msqid, cmd, buf, version);
        return err;
+ case IPC_SETID:
+ err = msgctl_setid(ns, msqid, cmd, buf, version);
+ return err;
    default:
        return -EINVAL;
}

```

Index: b/ipc/sem.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/sem.c
+++ b/ipc/sem.c
@@ -608,7 +608,8 @@ retry:
     sem_unlock(sma);
     up_write(&sem_ids(ns).rw_mutex);

- /* ipc_chid may return -EAGAIN in case of memory requirement */
+ /* sem_chid_nolock may return -EAGAIN if there is no more free idr
+  entry, just go and retry by filling again de idr cache */
     if (err == -EAGAIN)
         goto retry;

@@ -935,6 +936,9 @@ static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
     ipc_update_perm(&semid64.sem_perm, ipcp);
     sma->sem_ctime = get_seconds();
     break;
+ case IPC_SETID:
+ err = sem_chid_nolock(ns, sma, (int)arg.val);
+ break;
     default:
         err = -EINVAL;
     }
@@ -946,6 +950,24 @@ out_up:
     return err;
 }

+static int semctl_setid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int semid,
+ int cmd, int version, union semun arg)
+{
+ int err;
+retry:
+ err = idr_pre_get(&sem_ids(ns).ipcs_idr, GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (!err)
+     return -ENOMEM;
+
+ err = semctl_down(ns, semid, cmd, version, arg);
+
+ /* semctl_down may return -EAGAIN if there is no more free idr
+  entry, just go and retry by filling again de idr cache */
+ if (err == -EAGAIN)
+     goto retry;
+ return err;
+}
+
+asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, int semnum, int cmd, union semun arg)
+{
```

```

int err = -EINVAL;
@@ -978,6 +1000,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i
case IPC_SET:
    err = semctl_down(ns, semid, cmd, version, arg);
    return err;
+ case IPC_SETID:
+ err = semctl_setid(ns, semid, cmd, version, arg);
+ return err;
    default:
        return -EINVAL;
    }

```

Index: b/ipc/shm.c

```

=====
--- a/ipc/shm.c
+++ b/ipc/shm.c
@@ -202,7 +202,8 @@ retry:
    shm_unlock(shp);
    up_write(&shm_ids(ns).rw_mutex);

- /* ipc_chid may return -EAGAIN in case of memory requirement */
+ /* shm_chid_nolock may return -EAGAIN if there is no more free idr
+ entry, just go and retry by filling again de idr cache */
    if (err == -EAGAIN)
        goto retry;

```

```

@@ -679,6 +680,9 @@ static int shmctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    ipc_update_perm(&shm64.shm_perm, ipcp);
    shp->shm_ctim = get_seconds();
    break;
+ case IPC_SETID:
+ err = shm_chid_nolock(ns, shp, (int)(long)buf);
+ break;
    default:
        err = -EINVAL;
    }
@@ -689,6 +693,24 @@ out_up:
    return err;
}

```

```

+static int shmctl_setid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int shmid, int cmd,
+ struct shm64_ds __user *buf, int version)
+{
+ int err;
+retry:
+ err = idr_pre_get(&shm_ids(ns).ipcs_idr, GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (!err)
+ return -ENOMEM;
+
+

```

```

+ err = shmctl_down(ns, shmid, cmd, buf, version);
+
+ /* shmctl_down may return -EAGAIN if there is no more free idr
+  entry, just go and retry by filling again de idr cache */
+ if (err == -EAGAIN)
+  goto retry;
+ return err;
+}
+
asmlinkage long sys_shmctl(int shmid, int cmd, struct shmid_ds __user *buf)
{
  struct shmid_kernel *shp;
@@ -850,6 +872,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_shmctl(int shmid, in
  case IPC_SET:
    err = shmctl_down(ns, shmid, cmd, buf, version);
    return err;
+ case IPC_SETID:
+  err = shmctl_setid(ns, shmid, cmd, buf, version);
+  return err;
  default:
    return -EINVAL;
}

```

Index: b/security/selinux/hooks.c

```

=====
--- a/security/selinux/hooks.c
+++ b/security/selinux/hooks.c
@@ -4651,6 +4651,7 @@ static int selinux_msg_queue_msgctl(stru
  perms = MSGQ__GETATTR | MSGQ__ASSOCIATE;
  break;
  case IPC_SET:
+ case IPC_SETID:
  perms = MSGQ__SETATTR;
  break;
  case IPC_RMID:
@@ -4799,6 +4800,7 @@ static int selinux_shm_shmctl(struct shm
  perms = SHM__GETATTR | SHM__ASSOCIATE;
  break;
  case IPC_SET:
+ case IPC_SETID:
  perms = SHM__SETATTR;
  break;
  case SHM_LOCK:
@@ -4910,6 +4912,7 @@ static int selinux_sem_semctl(struct sem
  perms = SEM__DESTROY;
  break;
  case IPC_SET:
+ case IPC_SETID:
  perms = SEM__SETATTR;

```

```
break;
case IPC_STAT:
```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 11/15] (RFC) IPC: new IPC_SETALL command to modify all settings

Posted by [Pierre Peiffer](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 16:02:40 GMT

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From: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>

This patch adds a new IPC_SETALL command to the System V IPCs set of commands, which allows to change all the settings of an IPC

It works exactly the same way as the IPC_SET command, except that it additionally changes all the times and the pids values

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```
include/linux/ipc.h      | 1 +
ipc/compat.c             | 3 +++
ipc/msg.c                | 15 ++++++++
ipc/sem.c                | 10 ++++++
ipc/shm.c                | 13 ++++++
ipc/util.c               | 7 +++++-
security/selinux/hooks.c | 3 +++
7 files changed, 47 insertions(+), 5 deletions(-)
```

Index: b/include/linux/ipc.h

=====

```
--- a/include/linux/ipc.h
+++ b/include/linux/ipc.h
@@ -40,6 +40,7 @@ struct ipc_perm
#define IPC_STAT 2 /* get ipc_perm options */
#define IPC_INFO 3 /* see ipc */
#define IPC_SETID 4 /* set ipc ID */
+#define IPC_SETALL 5 /* set all parameters */
```

```
/*
```

* Version flags for semctl, msgctl, and shmctl commands

Index: b/ipc/compat.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/compat.c
+++ b/ipc/compat.c
@@ -282,6 +282,7 @@ long compat_sys_semctl(int first, int se
     err = -EFAULT;
     break;

+ case IPC_SETALL:
     case IPC_SET:
         if (version == IPC_64) {
             err = get_compat_sem64_ds(&s64, compat_ptr(pad));
@@ -431,6 +432,7 @@ long compat_sys_msgctl(int first, int se
     err = sys_msgctl(first, second, uptr);
     break;

+ case IPC_SETALL:
     case IPC_SET:
         if (version == IPC_64) {
             err = get_compat_msqid64(&m64, uptr);
@@ -621,6 +623,7 @@ long compat_sys_shmctl(int first, int se
     break;

+ case IPC_SETALL:
     case IPC_SET:
         if (version == IPC_64) {
             err = get_compat_shmid64_ds(&s64, uptr);
```

Index: b/ipc/msg.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/msg.c
+++ b/ipc/msg.c
@@ -426,7 +426,7 @@ static int msgctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
     struct msg_queue *msq;
     int err;

- if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
+ if (cmd == IPC_SET || cmd == IPC_SETALL) {
     if (copy_msqid_from_user(&msqid64, buf, version))
         return -EFAULT;
     }
@@ -447,6 +447,7 @@ static int msgctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
     freeque(ns, ipcp);
     goto out_up;
     case IPC_SET:
+ case IPC_SETALL:
     if (msqid64.msg_qbytes > ns->msg_ctlmn &&
```

```

    !capable(CAP_SYS_RESOURCE)) {
    err = -EPERM;
@@ -456,7 +457,14 @@ static int msgctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    msq->q_qbytes = msqid64.msg_qbytes;

    ipc_update_perm(&msqid64.msg_perm, ipcp);
- msq->q_ctime = get_seconds();
+ if (cmd == IPC_SETALL) {
+ msq->q_stime = msqid64.msg_stime;
+ msq->q_rtime = msqid64.msg_rtime;
+ msq->q_ctime = msqid64.msg_ctime;
+ msq->q_lspid = msqid64.msg_lspid;
+ msq->q_lrpid = msqid64.msg_lrpid;
+ } else
+ msq->q_ctime = get_seconds();
/* sleeping receivers might be excluded by
 * stricter permissions.
 */
@@ -507,6 +515,8 @@ asmlinkage long sys_msgctl(int msqid, in
    return -EINVAL;

    version = ipc_parse_version(&cmd);
+ if (version < 0)
+ return -EINVAL;
    ns = current->nsproxy->ipc_ns;

    switch (cmd) {
@@ -594,6 +604,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_msgctl(int msqid, in
    return success_return;
    }
    case IPC_SET:
+ case IPC_SETALL:
    case IPC_RMID:
        err = msgctl_down(ns, msqid, cmd, buf, version);
        return err;
Index: b/ipc/sem.c
=====
--- a/ipc/sem.c
+++ b/ipc/sem.c
@@ -913,7 +913,7 @@ static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    struct semid64_ds semid64;
    struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp;

- if(cmd == IPC_SET) {
+ if (cmd == IPC_SET || cmd == IPC_SETALL) {
    if (copy_semids_from_user(&semid64, arg.buf, version))
        return -EFAULT;
    }

```



```

@@ -936,6 +936,11 @@ static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    ipc_update_perm(&semid64.sem_perm, ipcp);
    sma->sem_ctime = get_seconds();
    break;
+ case IPC_SETALL:
+ ipc_update_perm(&semid64.sem_perm, ipcp);
+ sma->sem_ctime = semid64.sem_ctime;
+ sma->sem_otime = semid64.sem_otime;
+ break;
    case IPC_SETID:
        err = sem_chid_nolock(ns, sma, (int)arg.val);
        break;
@@ -978,6 +983,8 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i
    return -EINVAL;

```

```

    version = ipc_parse_version(&cmd);
+ if (version < 0)
+ return -EINVAL;
    ns = current->nsproxy->ipc_ns;

```

```

    switch(cmd) {
@@ -998,6 +1005,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i
        return err;
    case IPC_RMID:
    case IPC_SET:
+ case IPC_SETALL:
        err = semctl_down(ns, semid, cmd, version, arg);
        return err;
    case IPC_SETID:
Index: b/ipc/shm.c

```

```

=====

```

```

--- a/ipc/shm.c
+++ b/ipc/shm.c
@@ -658,7 +658,7 @@ static int shmctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    struct shmid_kernel *shp;
    int err;

- if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
+ if (cmd == IPC_SET || cmd == IPC_SETALL) {
    if (copy_shmid_from_user(&shmid64, buf, version))
        return -EFAULT;
    }
@@ -680,6 +680,14 @@ static int shmctl_down(struct ipc_namesp
    ipc_update_perm(&shmid64.shm_perm, ipcp);
    shp->shm_ctim = get_seconds();
    break;
+ case IPC_SETALL:
+ ipc_update_perm(&shmid64.shm_perm, ipcp);

```

```

+ shp->shm_atim = shmid64.shm_atime;
+ shp->shm_dtim = shmid64.shm_dtime;
+ shp->shm_ctim = shmid64.shm_ctime;
+ shp->shm_cprid = shmid64.shm_cpid;
+ shp->shm_lprid = shmid64.shm_lpid;
+ break;
case IPC_SETID:
    err = shm_chid_nolock(ns, shp, (int)(long)buf);
    break;
@@ -723,6 +731,8 @@ asmlinkage long sys_shmctl(int shmid, in
}

    version = ipc_parse_version(&cmd);
+ if (version < 0)
+ return -EINVAL;
    ns = current->nsproxy->ipc_ns;

    switch (cmd) { /* replace with proc interface ? */
@@ -870,6 +880,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_shmctl(int shmid, in
}
case IPC_RMID:
case IPC_SET:
+ case IPC_SETALL:
    err = shmctl_down(ns, shmid, cmd, buf, version);
    return err;
case IPC_SETID:
Index: b/ipc/util.c
=====
--- a/ipc/util.c
+++ b/ipc/util.c
@@ -855,7 +855,7 @@ struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcctl_pre_down(st
if (err)
    goto out_unlock;

- if (cmd == IPC_SET) {
+ if (cmd == IPC_SET || cmd == IPC_SETALL) {
    err = audit_ipc_set_perm(extrat_perm, perm->uid,
        perm->gid, perm->mode);
    if (err)
@@ -883,6 +883,8 @@ out_up:
    * Return IPC_64 for new style IPC and IPC_OLD for old style IPC.
    * The @cmd value is turned from an encoding command and version into
    * just the command code.
+ * In case of incompatibility between the command and the style, an
+ * errcode is returned.
    */

int ipc_parse_version (int *cmd)

```

```

@@ -891,6 +893,9 @@ int ipc_parse_version (int *cmd)
    *cmd ^= IPC_64;
    return IPC_64;
} else {
+ /* don't support this command for old ipc */
+ if (*cmd == IPC_SETALL)
+ return -EINVAL;
    return IPC_OLD;
}
}

```

Index: b/security/selinux/hooks.c

```

=====
--- a/security/selinux/hooks.c
+++ b/security/selinux/hooks.c
@@ -4651,6 +4651,7 @@ static int selinux_msg_queue_msgctl(stru
    perms = MSGQ__GETATTR | MSGQ__ASSOCIATE;
    break;
    case IPC_SET:
+ case IPC_SETALL:
    case IPC_SETID:
    perms = MSGQ__SETATTR;
    break;
@@ -4800,6 +4801,7 @@ static int selinux_shm_shmctl(struct shm
    perms = SHM__GETATTR | SHM__ASSOCIATE;
    break;
    case IPC_SET:
+ case IPC_SETALL:
    case IPC_SETID:
    perms = SHM__SETATTR;
    break;
@@ -4912,6 +4914,7 @@ static int selinux_sem_semctl(struct sem
    perms = SEM__DESTROY;
    break;
    case IPC_SET:
+ case IPC_SETALL:
    case IPC_SETID:
    perms = SEM__SETATTR;
    break;

```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 12/15] (RFC) IPC/semaphores: make use of RCU to free the sem_undo_list

Posted by [Pierre Peiffer](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 16:02:41 GMT

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Today, the sem_undo_list is freed when the last task using it exits. There is no mechanism in place, that allows a safe concurrent access to the sem_undo_list of a target task and protects efficiently against a task-exit.

That is okay for now as we don't need this.

As I would like to provide a /proc interface to access this data, I need such a safe access, without blocking the target task if possible.

This patch proposes to introduce the use of RCU to delay the real free of these sem_undo_list structures. They can then be accessed in a safe manner by any tasks inside read critical section, this way:

```
struct sem_undo_list *undo_list;
int ret;
...
rcu_read_lock();
undo_list = rcu_dereference(task->sysvsem.undo_list);
if (undo_list)
    ret = atomic_inc_not_zero(&undo_list->refcnt);
rcu_read_unlock();
...
if (undo_list && ret) {
    /* section where undo_list can be used quietly */
    ...
}
...
```

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```
include/linux/sem.h | 7 +++++--
ipc/sem.c           | 42 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++-----
2 files changed, 31 insertions(+), 18 deletions(-)
```

Index: b/include/linux/sem.h

```
=====
--- a/include/linux/sem.h
+++ b/include/linux/sem.h
@@ -115,7 +115,8 @@ struct sem_queue {
};
```

```

/* Each task has a list of undo requests. They are executed automatically
- * when the process exits.
+ * when the last refcnt of sem_undo_list is released (ie when the process exits
+ * in the general case)
*/
struct sem_undo {
    struct sem_undo * proc_next; /* next entry on this process */
@@ -125,12 +126,14 @@ struct sem_undo {
};

/* sem_undo_list controls shared access to the list of sem_undo structures
- * that may be shared among all a CLONE_SYSVSEM task group.
+ * that may be shared among all a CLONE_SYSVSEM task group or with an external
+ * process which changes the list through procfs.
*/
struct sem_undo_list {
    atomic_t refcnt;
    spinlock_t lock;
    struct sem_undo *proc_list;
+ struct ipc_namespace *ns;
};

struct sysv_sem {
Index: b/ipc/sem.c
=====
--- a/ipc/sem.c
+++ b/ipc/sem.c
@@ -1038,6 +1038,7 @@ static inline int get_undo_list(struct s
    return -ENOMEM;
    spin_lock_init(&undo_list->lock);
    atomic_set(&undo_list->refcnt, 1);
+ undo_list->ns = get_ipc_ns(current->nsproxy->ipc_ns);
    current->sysvsem.undo_list = undo_list;
}
*undo_listp = undo_list;
@@ -1316,7 +1317,8 @@ int copy_semundo(unsigned long clone_flg
}

/*
- * add semadj values to semaphores, free undo structures.
+ * add semadj values to semaphores, free undo structures, if there is no
+ * more user.
    * undo structures are not freed when semaphore arrays are destroyed
    * so some of them may be out of date.
    * IMPLEMENTATION NOTE: There is some confusion over whether the
@@ -1326,23 +1328,17 @@ int copy_semundo(unsigned long clone_flg
    * The original implementation attempted to do this (queue and wait).

```

```

* The current implementation does not do so. The POSIX standard
* and SVID should be consulted to determine what behavior is mandated.
+ *
+ * Note:
+ * A concurrent task is only allowed to access and go through the list
+ * of sem_undo if it successfully grabs a refcnt.
*/
-void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk)
+static void free_semundo_list(struct sem_undo_list *undo_list)
{
- struct sem_undo_list *undo_list;
  struct sem_undo *u, **up;
- struct ipc_namespace *ns;

- undo_list = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
- if (!undo_list)
-   return;
-
- if (!atomic_dec_and_test(&undo_list->refcnt))
-   return;
-
- ns = tsk->nsproxy->ipc_ns;
- /* There's no need to hold the semundo list lock, as current
-   * is the last task exiting for this undo list.
+ /* There's no need to hold the semundo list lock, as there are
+ * no more tasks or possible users for this undo list.
*/
  for (up = &undo_list->proc_list; (u = *up); *up = u->proc_next, kfree(u)) {
    struct sem_array *sma;
@@ -1354,7 +1350,7 @@ void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk)

    if(semid == -1)
      continue;
-   sma = sem_lock(ns, semid);
+   sma = sem_lock(undo_list->ns, semid);
    if (IS_ERR(sma))
      continue;

@@ -1368,7 +1364,8 @@ void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk)
    if (u == un)
      goto found;
  }
-   printk ("exit_sem undo list error id=%d\n", u->semid);
+   printk(KERN_ERR "free_semundo_list error id=%d\n",
+          u->semid);
    goto next_entry;
found:
  *unp = un->id_next;

```

```

@@ -1404,9 +1401,22 @@ found:
next_entry:
    sem_unlock(sma);
}
+ put_ipc_ns(undo_list->ns);
+ kfree(undo_list);
+ }

+/* called from do_exit() */
+void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk)
+{
+ struct sem_undo_list *ul = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
+ if (ul) {
+ rcu_assign_pointer(tsk->sysvsem.undo_list, NULL);
+ synchronize_rcu();
+ if (atomic_dec_and_test(&ul->refcnt))
+ free_semundo_list(ul);
+ }
+}
+
+
#ifdef CONFIG_PROC_FS
static int sysvipc_sem_proc_show(struct seq_file *s, void *it)
{

```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 13/15] (RFC) IPC/semaphores: per <pid>
semundo file in procfs

Posted by [Pierre Peiffer](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 16:02:42 GMT

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This patch adds a new procfs interface to display the per-process semundo data.

A new per-PID file is added, named "semundo".

It contains one line per semaphore IPC where there is something to undo for this process.

Then, each line contains the semid followed by each undo value corresponding to each semaphores of the semaphores array.

This interface will be specially useful to allow a user to access these data, for example for checkpointing a process

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```
fs/proc/base.c | 3 +
fs/proc/internal.h | 1
ipc/sem.c | 153 +++++
3 files changed, 157 insertions(+)
```

Index: b/fs/proc/base.c

```
=====
--- a/fs/proc/base.c
+++ b/fs/proc/base.c
@@ -2255,6 +2255,9 @@ static const struct pid_entry tgid_base_
#ifdef CONFIG_TASK_IO_ACCOUNTING
    INF("io", S_IRUGO, pid_io_accounting),
#endif
+#ifdef CONFIG_SYSVIPC
+ REG("semundo", S_IRUGO, semundo),
+#endif
};
```

```
static int proc_tgid_base_readdir(struct file * filp,
```

Index: b/fs/proc/internal.h

```
=====
--- a/fs/proc/internal.h
+++ b/fs/proc/internal.h
@@ -64,6 +64,7 @@ extern const struct file_operations proc
extern const struct file_operations proc_smmaps_operations;
extern const struct file_operations proc_clear_refs_operations;
extern const struct file_operations proc_pagemap_operations;
+extern const struct file_operations proc_semundo_operations;

void free_proc_entry(struct proc_dir_entry *de);
```

Index: b/ipc/sem.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/sem.c
+++ b/ipc/sem.c
@@ -1435,4 +1435,157 @@ static int sysvipc_sem_proc_show(struct
    sma->sem_otime,
    sma->sem_ctime);
}
+
+
```



```

+/* iterator */
+static void *semundo_start(struct seq_file *m, loff_t *ppos)
+{
+ struct sem_undo_list *undo_list = m->private;
+ struct sem_undo *undo;
+ loff_t pos = *ppos;
+
+ if (!undo_list)
+ return NULL;
+
+ if (pos < 0)
+ return NULL;
+
+ /* If undo_list is not NULL, it means that we've successfully grabbed
+  * a refcnt in semundo_open. That prevents the undo_list itself and the
+  * undo elements to be freed
+  */
+ spin_lock(&undo_list->lock);
+ undo = undo_list->proc_list;
+ while (undo) {
+ if ((undo->semid != -1) && !(pos--))
+ break;
+ undo = undo->proc_next;
+ }
+ spin_unlock(&undo_list->lock);
+
+ return undo;
+}
+
+static void *semundo_next(struct seq_file *m, void *v, loff_t *ppos)
+{
+ struct sem_undo *undo = v;
+ struct sem_undo_list *undo_list = m->private;
+
+ /*
+  * No need to protect against undo_list being NULL, if we are here,
+  * it can't be NULL.
+  * Moreover, by releasing the lock between each iteration, we allow the
+  * list to change between each iteration, but we only want to guarantee
+  * to have access to some valid data during the _show, not to have a
+  * full coherent view of the whole list.
+  */
+ spin_lock(&undo_list->lock);
+ do {
+ undo = undo->proc_next;
+ } while (undo && (undo->semid == -1));
+ ++*ppos;
+ spin_unlock(&undo_list->lock);

```

```

+
+ return undo;
+}
+
+static void semundo_stop(struct seq_file *m, void *v)
+{
+}
+
+static int semundo_show(struct seq_file *m, void *v)
+{
+ struct sem_undo_list *undo_list = m->private;
+ struct sem_undo *u = v;
+ int nsems, i;
+ struct sem_array *sma;
+
+ /*
+  * This semid has been deleted, ignore it.
+  * Even if we skipped all sem_undo belonging to deleted semid
+  * in semundo_next(), some more deletions may have happened.
+  */
+ if (u->semid == -1)
+ return 0;
+
+ seq_printf(m, "%10d", u->semid);
+
+ sma = sem_lock(undo_list->ns, u->semid);
+ if (IS_ERR(sma))
+ goto out;
+
+ nsems = sma->sem_nsems;
+ sem_unlock(sma);
+
+ for (i = 0; i < nsems; i++)
+ seq_printf(m, " %6d", u->semadj[i]);
+
+out:
+ seq_putc(m, '\n');
+ return 0;
+}
+
+static struct seq_operations semundo_op = {
+ .start = semundo_start,
+ .next = semundo_next,
+ .stop = semundo_stop,
+ .show = semundo_show
+};
+
+/*

```

```

+ * semundo_open: open operation for /proc/<PID>/semundo file
+ */
+static int semundo_open(struct inode *inode, struct file *file)
+{
+ struct task_struct *task;
+ struct sem_undo_list *undo_list = NULL;
+ int ret = 0;
+
+ /*
+ * We use RCU to be sure that the sem_undo_list will not be freed
+ * while we are accessing it. This may happen if the target task
+ * exits. Once we get a ref on it, we are ok.
+ */
+ rcu_read_lock();
+ task = get_pid_task(PROC_I(inode)->pid, PIDTYPE_PID);
+ if (task) {
+ undo_list = rcu_dereference(task->sysvsem.undo_list);
+ if (undo_list)
+ ret = !atomic_inc_not_zero(&undo_list->refcnt);
+ put_task_struct(task);
+ }
+ rcu_read_unlock();
+
+ if (!task || ret)
+ return -EINVAL;
+
+ ret = seq_open(file, &semundo_op);
+ if (!ret) {
+ struct seq_file *m = file->private_data;
+ m->private = undo_list;
+ return 0;
+ }
+
+ if (undo_list && atomic_dec_and_test(&undo_list->refcnt))
+ free_semundo_list(undo_list);
+ return ret;
+}
+
+static int semundo_release(struct inode *inode, struct file *file)
+{
+ struct seq_file *m = file->private_data;
+ struct sem_undo_list *undo_list = m->private;
+
+ if (undo_list && atomic_dec_and_test(&undo_list->refcnt))
+ free_semundo_list(undo_list);
+
+ return seq_release(inode, file);
+}

```

```
+
+const struct file_operations proc_semundo_operations = {
+ .open  = semundo_open,
+ .read  = seq_read,
+ .llseek = seq_lseek,
+ .release = semundo_release,
+};
#endif
```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 14/15] (RFC) IPC/semaphores: prepare semundo code to work on another task than
Posted by [Pierre Peiffer](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 16:02:43 GMT
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From: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>

In order to modify the semundo-list of a task from procfs, we must be able to work on any target task.
But all the existing code playing with the semundo-list, currently works only on the 'current' task, and does not allow to specify any target task.

This patch changes all these routines to allow them to work on a specified task, passed in parameter, instead of current.

This is mainly a preparation for the semundo_write() operation, on the /proc/<pid>/semundo file, as provided in the next patch.

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ipc/sem.c | 90 ++++++-----
1 file changed, 68 insertions(+), 22 deletions(-)

Index: b/ipc/sem.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/sem.c
+++ b/ipc/sem.c
@@ -1017,8 +1017,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i
 }
```

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/* If the task doesn't already have a undo_list, then allocate one
- * here. We guarantee there is only one thread using this undo list,
- * and current is THE ONE
+ * here.
+ * The target task (tsk) is current in the general case, except when
+ * accessed from the procfs (ie when writting to /proc/<pid>/semundo)
+ *
+ * If this allocation and assignment succeeds, but later
+ * portions of this code fail, there is no need to free the sem_undo_list.
@@ -1026,22 +1027,60 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i
+ * at exit time.
+ *
+ * This can block, so callers must hold no locks.
+ *
+ * Note: task_lock is used to synchronize 1. several possible concurrent
+ * creations and 2. the free of the undo_list (done when the task using it
+ * exits). In the second case, we check the PF_EXITING flag to not create
+ * an undo_list for a task which has exited.
+ * If there already is an undo_list for this task, there is no need
+ * to held the task-lock to retrieve it, as the pointer can not change
+ * afterwards.
+ */
-static inline int get_undo_list(struct sem_undo_list **undo_listp)
+static inline int get_undo_list(struct task_struct *tsk,
+ struct sem_undo_list **ulp)
{
- struct sem_undo_list *undo_list;
+ if (tsk->sysvsem.undo_list == NULL) {
+ struct sem_undo_list *undo_list;

- undo_list = current->sysvsem.undo_list;
- if (!undo_list) {
- undo_list = kzalloc(sizeof(*undo_list), GFP_KERNEL);
+ /* we must alloc a new one */
+ undo_list = kmalloc(sizeof(*undo_list), GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (undo_list == NULL)
+ return -ENOMEM;
+
+ task_lock(tsk);
+
+ /* check again if there is an undo_list for this task */
+ if (tsk->sysvsem.undo_list) {
+ if (tsk != current)
+ atomic_inc(&tsk->sysvsem.undo_list->refcnt);
+ task_unlock(tsk);
+ kfree(undo_list);
+ goto out;
+ }

```

```

+ spin_lock_init(&undo_list->lock);
- atomic_set(&undo_list->refcnt, 1);
- undo_list->ns = get_ipc_ns(current->nsproxy->ipc_ns);
- current->sysvsem.undo_list = undo_list;
+ /*
+  * If tsk is not current (meaning that current is creating
+  * a semundo_list for a target task through procfs), and if
+  * it's not being exited then refcnt must be 2: the target
+  * task tsk + current.
+  */
+ if (tsk == current)
+ atomic_set(&undo_list->refcnt, 1);
+ else if (!(tsk->flags & PF_EXITING))
+ atomic_set(&undo_list->refcnt, 2);
+ else {
+ task_unlock(tsk);
+ kfree(undo_list);
+ return -EINVAL;
+ }
+ undo_list->ns = get_ipc_ns(tsk->nsproxy->ipc_ns);
+ undo_list->proc_list = NULL;
+ tsk->sysvsem.undo_list = undo_list;
+ task_unlock(tsk);
+ }
- *undo_listp = undo_list;
+out:
+ *ulp = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
+ return 0;
+ }

@@ -1065,17 +1104,12 @@ static struct sem_undo *lookup_undo(stru
+ return un;
+ }

-static struct sem_undo *find_undo(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int semid)
+static struct sem_undo *find_undo(struct sem_undo_list *ulp, int semid)
+ {
+ struct sem_array *sma;
- struct sem_undo_list *ulp;
+ struct sem_undo *un, *new;
+ struct ipc_namespace *ns;
+ int nsems;
- int error;
-
- error = get_undo_list(&ulp);
- if (error)
- return ERR_PTR(error);

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```

spin_lock(&ulp->lock);
un = lookup_undo(ulp, semid);
@@ -1083,6 +1117,8 @@ static struct sem_undo *find_undo(struct
if (likely(un!=NULL))
goto out;

+ ns = ulp->ns;
+
/* no undo structure around - allocate one. */
sma = sem_lock_check(ns, semid);
if (IS_ERR(sma))
@@ -1133,6 +1169,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_sem timedop(int semid
struct sem_array *sma;
struct sembuf fast_sops[SEMOPM_FAST];
struct sembuf* sops = fast_sops, *sop;
+ struct sem_undo_list *ulp;
struct sem_undo *un;
int undos = 0, alter = 0, max;
struct sem_queue queue;
@@ -1177,9 +1214,13 @@ asmlinkage long sys_sem timedop(int semid
alter = 1;
}

+ error = get_undo_list(current, &ulp);
+ if (error)
+ goto out_free;
+
retry_undos:
if (undos) {
- un = find_undo(ns, semid);
+ un = find_undo(ulp, semid);
if (IS_ERR(un)) {
error = PTR_ERR(un);
goto out_free;
@@ -1305,7 +1346,7 @@ int copy_semundo(unsigned long clone_flg
int error;

if (clone_flags & CLONE_SYSVSEM) {
- error = get_undo_list(&undo_list);
+ error = get_undo_list(current, &undo_list);
if (error)
return error;
atomic_inc(&undo_list->refcnt);
@@ -1405,10 +1446,15 @@ next_entry:
kfree(undo_list);
}

```

```

-/* called from do_exit() */
+/* exit_sem: called from do_exit()
+ * task_lock is used to synchronize with get_undo_list()
+ */
void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk)
{
- struct sem_undo_list *ul = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
+ struct sem_undo_list *ul;
+ task_lock(tsk);
+ ul = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
+ task_unlock(tsk);
  if (ul) {
    rcu_assign_pointer(tsk->sysvsem.undo_list, NULL);
    synchronize_rcu();
  }
}

```

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Subject: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 15/15] (RFC) IPC/semaphores: add write()
operation to semundo file in procfs
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From: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>

This patch adds the write operation to the semundo file.
This write operation allows root to add or update the semundo list and
their values for a given process.

The user must provide some lines, each containing the semaphores ID
followed by the semaphores values to undo.

The operation failed if the given semaphore ID does not exist or if the
number of values does not match the number of semaphores in the array.

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fs/proc/base.c | 2
ipc/sem.c      | 232 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
2 files changed, 227 insertions(+), 7 deletions(-)

```

Index: b/fs/proc/base.c


```
=====
--- a/fs/proc/base.c
+++ b/fs/proc/base.c
@@ -2256,7 +2256,7 @@ static const struct pid_entry tgid_base_
    INF("io", S_IRUGO, pid_io_accounting),
    #endif
    #ifdef CONFIG_SYSVIPC
- REG("semundo", S_IRUGO, semundo),
+ REG("semundo", S_IWUSR|S_IRUGO, semundo),
    #endif
};
```

Index: b/ipc/sem.c

```
=====
--- a/ipc/sem.c
+++ b/ipc/sem.c
@@ -1580,6 +1580,9 @@ static struct seq_operations semundo_op

/*
 * semundo_open: open operation for /proc/<PID>/semundo file
+ *
+ * If the file is opened in write mode and no semundo list exists for
+ * this target PID, it is created here.
 */
static int semundo_open(struct inode *inode, struct file *file)
{
@@ -1598,18 +1601,31 @@ static int semundo_open(struct inode *in
    undo_list = rcu_dereference(task->sysvsem.undo_list);
    if (undo_list)
        ret = !atomic_inc_not_zero(&undo_list->refcnt);
- put_task_struct(task);
}
rcu_read_unlock();

- if (!task || ret)
+ if (!task)
    return -EINVAL;

- ret = seq_open(file, &semundo_op);
+ if (ret) {
+ put_task_struct(task);
+ return -EINVAL;
+ }
+
+ /* Create an undo_list if needed and if file is opened in write mode */
+ if (!undo_list && (file->f_flags & O_WRONLY || file->f_flags & O_RDWR))
+ ret = get_undo_list(task, &undo_list);
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+
+ put_task_struct(task);
+
+ if (!ret) {
- struct seq_file *m = file->private_data;
- m->private = undo_list;
- return 0;
+ ret = seq_open(file, &semundo_op);
+ if (!ret) {
+ struct seq_file *m = file->private_data;
+ m->private = undo_list;
+ return 0;
+ }
+ }

+ if (undo_list && atomic_dec_and_test(&undo_list->refcnt))
@@ -1617,6 +1633,209 @@ static int semundo_open(struct inode *in
+ return ret;
+ }

+/* Skip all spaces at the beginning of the buffer */
+static inline int skip_space(const char __user **buf, size_t *len)
+{
+ char c = 0;
+ while (*len) {
+ if (get_user(c, *buf))
+ return -EFAULT;
+ if (c != '\t' && c != ' ')
+ break;
+ --*len;
+ ++*buf;
+ }
+ return c;
+}
+
+/* Retrieve the first numerical value contained in the string.
+ * Note: The value is supposed to be a 32-bit integer.
+ */
+static inline int get_next_value(const char __user **buf, size_t *len, int *val)
+{
+ #define BUFLen 11
+ int err, neg = 0, left;
+ char s[BUFLen], *p;
+
+ err = skip_space(buf, len);
+ if (err < 0)
+ return err;
+ if (!*len)

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+ return INT_MAX;
+ if (err == '\n') {
+   ++*buf;
+   --*len;
+   return INT_MAX;
+ }
+ if (err == '-') {
+   ++*buf;
+   --*len;
+   neg = 1;
+ }
+
+ left = *len;
+ if (left > sizeof(s) - 1)
+   left = sizeof(s) - 1;
+ if (copy_from_user(s, *buf, left))
+   return -EFAULT;
+
+ s[left] = 0;
+ p = s;
+ if (*p < '0' || *p > '9')
+   return -EINVAL;
+
+ *val = simple_strtoul(p, &p, 0);
+ if (neg)
+   *val = -(*val);
+
+ left = p-s;
+ (*len) -= left;
+ (*buf) += left;
+
+ return 0;
+#undef BUFLen
+}
+
+/* semundo_readline: read a line of /proc/<PID>/semundo file
+ * Return the number of value read or an errcode
+ */
+static inline int semundo_readline(const char __user **buf, size_t *left,
+    int *id, short *array, int array_len)
+{
+   int i, val, err;
+
+   /* Read semid */
+   err = get_next_value(buf, left, id);
+   if (err)
+     return err;
+
+

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+ /* Read all (semundo-) values of a full line */
+ for (i = 0; ; i++) {
+
+ err = get_next_value(buf, left, &val);
+ if (err < 0)
+ return err;
+ /* reach end of line or end of buffer */
+ if (err == INT_MAX)
+ break;
+ /* Return an error if we get more values then expected */
+ if (i < array_len)
+ array[i] = val;
+ else
+ return -EINVAL;
+ }
+ return i;
+}
+
+/* semundo_update: set or update the undo values of the given undo_list
+ * for a given semaphore id.
+ */
+static inline int semundo_update(struct sem_undo_list *undo_list, int id,
+    short array[], int size)
+{
+ struct sem_undo *un;
+ struct sem_array *sma;
+ struct ipc_namespace *ns = undo_list->ns;
+
+retry_undo:
+ un = find_undo(undo_list, id);
+ if (IS_ERR(un))
+ return PTR_ERR(un);
+
+ /* lookup the sem_array */
+ sma = sem_lock(ns, id);
+ if (IS_ERR(sma))
+ return PTR_ERR(sma);
+
+ /*
+ * semid identifiers are not unique - find_undo may have
+ * allocated an undo structure, it was invalidated by an RMID
+ * and now a new array which received the same id.
+ * Check and retry.
+ */
+ if (un->semid == -1) {
+ sem_unlock(sma);
+ goto retry_undo;
+ }

```

```

+
+ /*
+  * If the number of values given does not match the number of
+  * semaphores in the array, consider this as an error.
+  */
+ if (size != sma->sem_nsems) {
+   sem_unlock(sma);
+   return -EINVAL;
+ }
+
+ /* update the undo values */
+ while (--size >= 0)
+   un->semadj[size] = array[size];
+
+ sem_unlock(sma);
+ return 0;
+}
+
+/*
+ * write operation for /proc/<pid>/semundo file
+ *
+ * It allows to set or update the sem_undo list for this task, for the given
+ * semaphore ID with the given 'undo' values.
+ *
+ * The expected format of the given string is
+ * "semID <val1> <val2> ... <valN>"
+ *
+ * The semID must match an existing semaphore array and the number of
+ * of values following the semID must match the number of semaphores in
+ * the corresponding array.
+ *
+ * Multiple semID can be passed simultaneously, the newline ('\n') behaving as
+ * a separator in this case.
+ *
+ * Note: passing a sem_undo list (all undo values of one semID) through multiple
+ * write-calls is not allowed.
+ */
+static ssize_t semundo_write(struct file *file, const char __user *buf,
+    size_t count, loff_t *ppos)
+{
+   struct seq_file *m = file->private_data;
+   short *array;
+   int err, max_sem, id = 0;
+   size_t left = count;
+   struct sem_undo_list *undo_list = m->private;
+
+   /* The undo_list must have been retrieved or created
+    * in semundo_open() */

```

```

+ if (undo_list == NULL)
+ return -EINVAL;
+
+ max_sem = undo_list->ns->sc_semmsl;
+
+ array = kmalloc(sizeof(short)*max_sem, GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (array == NULL)
+ return -ENOMEM;
+
+ while (left) {
+ int nval;
+
+ /* Read a line */
+ nval = semundo_readline(&buf, &left, &id, array, max_sem);
+ if (nval < 0) {
+ err = nval;
+ goto out;
+ }
+
+ /* Update the values for the given semid */
+ err = semundo_update(undo_list, id, array, nval);
+ if (err)
+ goto out;
+ }
+ err = count - left;
+
+out:
+ kfree(array);
+ return err;
+}
+
static int semundo_release(struct inode *inode, struct file *file)
{
    struct seq_file *m = file->private_data;
@@ -1631,6 +1850,7 @@ static int semundo_release(struct inode
const struct file_operations proc_semundo_operations = {
    .open = semundo_open,
    .read = seq_read,
+ .write = semundo_write,
    .lseek = seq_lseek,
    .release = semundo_release,
};

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID

Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 21:06:56 GMT

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On Tue, Jan 29, 2008 at 05:02:38PM +0100, pierre.peiffer@bull.net wrote:

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>
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>
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>
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> a restart operation.
>
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> - the entry in the idr corresponding to the new ID must be free.

> ipc/util.c | 48 ++++++
> ipc/util.h | 1 +
> 8 files changed, 197 insertions(+)

For the record, OpenVZ uses "create with predefined ID" method which leads to less code. For example, change at the end is all we want from ipc/util.c .

Also, if ids were A and B at the moment of checkpoint, and during restart they became B and A you'll get collision in both ways which you techically can avoid by classic "tmp = A, A = B, B = tmp" but you also can avoid all other loops just by creating with ID you need.

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>

Yes, indeed, I saw that. The idea here is, at the end, to propose a more "userspace oriented" solution.

As we can't use msgget(), etc, API to specify an ID, I think we can at least change it afterwards

> Also, if ids were A and B at the moment of checkpoint, and during

> restart they became B and A you'll get collision in both ways which you

> techically can avoid by classic "tmp = A, A = B, B = tmp"

In the general case, yes, you're right.

In the case of the checkpoint/restart, this is not necessarily a problem, as we will probably restart an application in an empty "container"/"namespace"; Thus we can create all needed IPCs in an empty IPC namespace like this:

1. create first IPC

2. change its ID

3. create the second IPC

4. change its ID

5. etc..

But yes, I agree that if we can directly create an IPC with the right ID, it would be better; may be with an IPC_CREATE command or something like that if the direction is to do that from userspace.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 12/15] (RFC) IPC/semaphores: make use of RCU to free the sem_undo_list
Posted by [serue](#) on Wed, 30 Jan 2008 21:26:50 GMT
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Quoting pierre.peiffer@bull.net (pierre.peiffer@bull.net):

> From: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>

>

> Today, the sem_undo_list is freed when the last task using it exits.

> There is no mechanism in place, that allows a safe concurrent access to
> the sem_undo_list of a target task and protects efficiently against a
> task-exit.

>

> That is okay for now as we don't need this.

>

> As I would like to provide a /proc interface to access this data, I need
> such a safe access, without blocking the target task if possible.

>

> This patch proposes to introduce the use of RCU to delay the real free of
> these sem_undo_list structures. They can then be accessed in a safe manner
> by any tasks inside read critical section, this way:

>

> struct sem_undo_list *undo_list;

> int ret;

> ...

> rcu_read_lock();

> undo_list = rcu_dereference(task->sysvsem.undo_list);

> if (undo_list)

> ret = atomic_inc_not_zero(&undo_list->refcnt);

> rcu_read_unlock();

> ...

> if (undo_list && ret) {

> /* section where undo_list can be used quietly */

> ...

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> }
> ...
```

And of course then

```
if (atomic_dec_and_test(&undo_list->refcnt))
    free_semundo_list(undo_list);
```

by that task.

```
>
> Signed-off-by: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>
```

Looks correct in terms of locking/refcounting.

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Signed-off-by: Serge Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>
```

thanks,
-serge

```
> ---
>
> include/linux/sem.h | 7 +++++--
> ipc/sem.c          | 42 ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++-----
> 2 files changed, 31 insertions(+), 18 deletions(-)
>
> Index: b/include/linux/sem.h
> =====
> --- a/include/linux/sem.h
> +++ b/include/linux/sem.h
> @@ -115,7 +115,8 @@ struct sem_queue {
> };
>
> /* Each task has a list of undo requests. They are executed automatically
>  * when the process exits.
>  * when the last refcnt of sem_undo_list is released (ie when the process exits
>  * in the general case)
>  */
> struct sem_undo {
>     struct sem_undo * proc_next; /* next entry on this process */
> @@ -125,12 +126,14 @@ struct sem_undo {
> };
>
> /* sem_undo_list controls shared access to the list of sem_undo structures
>  * that may be shared among all a CLONE_SYSVSEM task group.
>  * that may be shared among all a CLONE_SYSVSEM task group or with an external
>  * process which changes the list through procfs.
>  */
```

```

> struct sem_undo_list {
>     atomic_t refcnt;
>     spinlock_t lock;
>     struct sem_undo *proc_list;
> + struct ipc_namespace *ns;
> };
>
> struct sysv_sem {
> Index: b/ipc/sem.c
> =====
> --- a/ipc/sem.c
> +++ b/ipc/sem.c
> @@ -1038,6 +1038,7 @@ static inline int get_undo_list(struct s
>     return -ENOMEM;
>     spin_lock_init(&undo_list->lock);
>     atomic_set(&undo_list->refcnt, 1);
> + undo_list->ns = get_ipc_ns(current->nsproxy->ipc_ns);
>     current->sysvsem.undo_list = undo_list;
> }
> *undo_listp = undo_list;
> @@ -1316,7 +1317,8 @@ int copy_semundo(unsigned long clone_flg
> }
>
> /*
> - * add semadj values to semaphores, free undo structures.
> + * add semadj values to semaphores, free undo structures, if there is no
> + * more user.
> * undo structures are not freed when semaphore arrays are destroyed
> * so some of them may be out of date.
> * IMPLEMENTATION NOTE: There is some confusion over whether the
> @@ -1326,23 +1328,17 @@ int copy_semundo(unsigned long clone_flg
> * The original implementation attempted to do this (queue and wait).
> * The current implementation does not do so. The POSIX standard
> * and SVID should be consulted to determine what behavior is mandated.
> + *
> + * Note:
> + * A concurrent task is only allowed to access and go through the list
> + * of sem_undo if it successfully grabs a refcnt.
> */
> -void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk)
> +static void free_semundo_list(struct sem_undo_list *undo_list)
> {
> - struct sem_undo_list *undo_list;
>     struct sem_undo *u, **up;
> - struct ipc_namespace *ns;
>
> - undo_list = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
> - if (!undo_list)

```

```

> - return;
> -
> - if (!atomic_dec_and_test(&undo_list->refcnt))
> - return;
> -
> - ns = tsk->nsproxy->ipc_ns;
> - /* There's no need to hold the semundo list lock, as current
> -      * is the last task exiting for this undo list.
> + /* There's no need to hold the semundo list lock, as there are
> + * no more tasks or possible users for this undo list.
> */
> for (up = &undo_list->proc_list; (u = *up); *up = u->proc_next, kfree(u)) {
>     struct sem_array *sma;
> @@ -1354,7 +1350,7 @@ void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk)
>
>     if(semid == -1)
>         continue;
> - sma = sem_lock(ns, semid);
> + sma = sem_lock(undo_list->ns, semid);
>     if (IS_ERR(sma))
>         continue;
>
> @@ -1368,7 +1364,8 @@ void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk)
>     if (u == un)
>         goto found;
> }
> - printk ("exit_sem undo list error id=%d\n", u->semid);
> + printk(KERN_ERR "free_semundo_list error id=%d\n",
> +      u->semid);
>     goto next_entry;
> found:
>     *unp = un->id_next;
> @@ -1404,9 +1401,22 @@ found:
> next_entry:
>     sem_unlock(sma);
> }
> + put_ipc_ns(undo_list->ns);
>     kfree(undo_list);
> }
>
> +/* called from do_exit() */
> +void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk)
> +{
> + struct sem_undo_list *ul = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
> + if (ul) {
> +     rcu_assign_pointer(tsk->sysvsem.undo_list, NULL);
> +     synchronize_rcu();
> +     if (atomic_dec_and_test(&ul->refcnt))

```

```
> + free_semundo_list(ul);
> + }
> + }
> +
> +
> #ifdef CONFIG_PROC_FS
> static int sysvipc_sem_proc_show(struct seq_file *s, void *it)
> {
>
>
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 14/15] (RFC) IPC/semaphores: prepare semundo code to work on another task

Posted by [serue](#) on Wed, 30 Jan 2008 21:44:30 GMT

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Quoting pierre.peiffer@bull.net (pierre.peiffer@bull.net):

```
> From: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>
>
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> work on any target task.
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> Signed-off-by: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>
> ---
>
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>
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> =====
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```

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> }
>
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> - * and current is THE ONE
> + * here.
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> + * accessed from the procfs (ie when writting to /proc/<pid>/semundo)
> *
> * If this allocation and assignment succeeds, but later
> * portions of this code fail, there is no need to free the sem_undo_list.
> @@ -1026,22 +1027,60 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i
> * at exit time.
> *
> * This can block, so callers must hold no locks.
> + *
> + * Note: task_lock is used to synchronize 1. several possible concurrent
> + * creations and 2. the free of the undo_list (done when the task using it
> + * exits). In the second case, we check the PF_EXITING flag to not create
> + * an undo_list for a task which has exited.
> + * If there already is an undo_list for this task, there is no need
> + * to held the task-lock to retrieve it, as the pointer can not change
> + * afterwards.
> */
> -static inline int get_undo_list(struct sem_undo_list **undo_listp)
> +static inline int get_undo_list(struct task_struct *tsk,
> + struct sem_undo_list **ulp)
> {
> - struct sem_undo_list *undo_list;
> + if (tsk->sysvsem.undo_list == NULL) {
> + struct sem_undo_list *undo_list;

```

Hmm, this is weird. If there was no undo_list and
 tsk!=current, you set the refcnt to 2. But if there was an
 undo list and tsk!=current, where do you inc the refcnt?

```

>
> - undo_list = current->sysvsem.undo_list;
> - if (!undo_list) {
> - undo_list = kzalloc(sizeof(*undo_list), GFP_KERNEL);
> + /* we must alloc a new one */
> + undo_list = kmalloc(sizeof(*undo_list), GFP_KERNEL);
>   if (undo_list == NULL)
>     return -ENOMEM;
> +
> + task_lock(tsk);

```

```

> +
> + /* check again if there is an undo_list for this task */
> + if (tsk->sysvsem.undo_list) {
> +   if (tsk != current)
> +     atomic_inc(&tsk->sysvsem.undo_list->refcnt);
> +   task_unlock(tsk);
> +   kfree(undo_list);
> +   goto out;
> + }
> +
>   spin_lock_init(&undo_list->lock);
> - atomic_set(&undo_list->refcnt, 1);
> - undo_list->ns = get_ipc_ns(current->nsproxy->ipc_ns);
> - current->sysvsem.undo_list = undo_list;
> + /*
> +  * If tsk is not current (meaning that current is creating
> +  * a semundo_list for a target task through procfs), and if
> +  * it's not being exited then refcnt must be 2: the target
> +  * task tsk + current.
> +  */
> + if (tsk == current)
> +   atomic_set(&undo_list->refcnt, 1);
> + else if (!(tsk->flags & PF_EXITING))
> +   atomic_set(&undo_list->refcnt, 2);
> + else {
> +   task_unlock(tsk);
> +   kfree(undo_list);
> +   return -EINVAL;
> + }
> + undo_list->ns = get_ipc_ns(tsk->nsproxy->ipc_ns);
> + undo_list->proc_list = NULL;
> + tsk->sysvsem.undo_list = undo_list;
> + task_unlock(tsk);
> }
> - *undo_listp = undo_list;
> +out:
> + *ulp = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
>   return 0;
> }
>
> @@ -1065,17 +1104,12 @@ static struct sem_undo *lookup_undo(stru
>   return un;
> }
>
> -static struct sem_undo *find_undo(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int semid)
> +static struct sem_undo *find_undo(struct sem_undo_list *ulp, int semid)
> {
>   struct sem_array *sma;

```

```

> - struct sem_undo_list *ulp;
> struct sem_undo *un, *new;
> + struct ipc_namespace *ns;
> int nsems;
> - int error;
> -
> - error = get_undo_list(&ulp);
> - if (error)
> - return ERR_PTR(error);
>
> spin_lock(&ulp->lock);
> un = lookup_undo(ulp, semid);
> @@ -1083,6 +1117,8 @@ static struct sem_undo *find_undo(struct
> if (likely(un!=NULL))
> goto out;
>
> + ns = ulp->ns;
> +
> /* no undo structure around - allocate one. */
> sma = sem_lock_check(ns, semid);
> if (IS_ERR(sma))
> @@ -1133,6 +1169,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semtimedop(int semid
> struct sem_array *sma;
> struct sembuf fast_sops[SEMOPM_FAST];
> struct sembuf* sops = fast_sops, *sop;
> + struct sem_undo_list *ulp;
> struct sem_undo *un;
> int undos = 0, alter = 0, max;
> struct sem_queue queue;
> @@ -1177,9 +1214,13 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semtimedop(int semid
> alter = 1;
> }
>
> + error = get_undo_list(current, &ulp);
> + if (error)
> + goto out_free;
> +
> retry_undos:
> if (undos) {
> - un = find_undo(ns, semid);
> + un = find_undo(ulp, semid);
> if (IS_ERR(un)) {
> error = PTR_ERR(un);
> goto out_free;
> @@ -1305,7 +1346,7 @@ int copy_semundo(unsigned long clone_fla
> int error;
>
> if (clone_flags & CLONE_SYSVSEM) {

```



```

> - error = get_undo_list(&undo_list);
> + error = get_undo_list(current, &undo_list);
>   if (error)
>       return error;
>   atomic_inc(&undo_list->refcnt);
> @@ -1405,10 +1446,15 @@ next_entry:
>   kfree(undo_list);
> }
>
> -/* called from do_exit() */
> +/* exit_sem: called from do_exit()
> + * task_lock is used to synchronize with get_undo_list()

```

Ok I had to think about this again. I'd like the comment here to point out that the task_lock here acts as a barrier between the prior setting of PF_EXITING and the undo_list being freed here, so that get_undo_list() will either see PF_EXITING is NOT in the tsk->flags, in which case it will insert the undo_list before the task_lock() is grabbed here, and with count=2, so that it gets correctly put here in exit_sem, or it will see PF_EXITING set and cancel the undo_list it was creating.

```

> + */
> void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk)
> {
> - struct sem_undo_list *ul = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
> + struct sem_undo_list *ul;
> + task_lock(tsk);
> + ul = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
> + task_unlock(tsk);
>   if (ul) {
>       rcu_assign_pointer(tsk->sysvsem.undo_list, NULL);
>       synchronize_rcu();
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 05/15] IPC/semaphores: remove one unused parameter from semctl_down()

Posted by [Nadia Derby](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2008 08:32:46 GMT

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pierre.peiffer@bull.net wrote:

> From: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>

>

> semctl_down() takes one unused parameter: semnum.

> This patch proposes to get rid of it.

>

> Signed-off-by: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>

> Acked-by: Serge Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>

> ---

> ipc/sem.c | 6 +++---

> 1 file changed, 3 insertions(+), 3 deletions(-)

>

> Index: b/ipc/sem.c

> =====

> --- a/ipc/sem.c

> +++ b/ipc/sem.c

> @@ -882,8 +882,8 @@ static inline unsigned long copy_semid_f

> * to be held in write mode.

> * NOTE: no locks must be held, the rw_mutex is taken inside this function.

> */

> -static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int semid, int semnum,

> - int cmd, int version, union semun arg)

> +static int semctl_down(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int semid,

> + int cmd, int version, union semun arg)

> {

> struct sem_array *sma;

> int err;

> @@ -974,7 +974,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i

> return err;

> case IPC_RMID:

> case IPC_SET:

> - err = semctl_down(ns, semid, semnum, cmd, version, arg);

> + err = semctl_down(ns, semid, cmd, version, arg);

> return err;

> default:

> return -EINVAL;

>

Looks like semnum is only used in semctl_main(). Why not removing it from semctl_nolock() too?

Regards,
Nadia

Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID

Posted by [Pierre Peiffer](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2008 09:00:55 GMT

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Hi again,

Thinking more about this, I think I must clarify why I choose this way. In fact, the idea of these patches is to provide the missing user APIs (or extend the existing ones) that allow to set or update `_all_` properties of all IPCs, as needed in the case of the checkpoint/restart of an application (the current user API does not allow to specify an ID for a created IPC, for example). And this, without changing the existing API of course.

And `msgget()`, `semget()` and `shmget()` does not have any parameter we can use to specify an ID.

That's why I've decided to not change these routines and add a new control command, `IP_SETID`, with which we can change the ID of an IPC. (that looks to me more straightforward and logical)

Now, this patch is, in fact, only a preparation for the patch 10/15 which really complete the user API by adding this `IPC_SETID` command.

(... continuing below ...)

Alexey Dobriyan wrote:

> On Tue, Jan 29, 2008 at 05:02:38PM +0100, pierre.peiffer@bull.net wrote:

>> This patch provides three new API to change the ID of an existing

>> System V IPCs.

>>

>> These APIs are:

>> `long msg_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);`

>> `long sem_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);`

>> `long shm_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);`

>>

>> They return 0 or an error code in case of failure.

>>

>> They may be useful for setting a specific ID for an IPC when preparing

>> a restart operation.

>>

```

>> To be successful, the following rules must be respected:
>> - the IPC exists (of course...)
>> - the new ID must satisfy the ID computation rule.
>> - the entry in the idr corresponding to the new ID must be free.
>
>> ipc/util.c      | 48 ++++++
>> ipc/util.h      | 1 +
>> 8 files changed, 197 insertions(+)
>
> For the record, OpenVZ uses "create with predefined ID" method which
> leads to less code. For example, change at the end is all we want from
> ipc/util.c .

```

And in fact, you do that from kernel space, you don't have the constraint to fit the existing user API.

Again, this patch, even if it presents a new kernel API, is in fact a preparation for the next patch which introduces a new user API.

Do you think that this could fit your need ?

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Pierre

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 14/15] (RFC) IPC/semaphores:
prepare semundo code to work on another task
Posted by [Pierre Peiffer](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2008 09:48:56 GMT
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Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

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> Quoting pierre.peiffer@bull.net (pierre.peiffer@bull.net):
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>> -static inline int get_undo_list(struct sem_undo_list **undo_listp)
>> +static inline int get_undo_list(struct task_struct *tsk,
>> + struct sem_undo_list **ulp)
>> {
>> - struct sem_undo_list *undo_list;
>> + if (tsk->sysvsem.undo_list == NULL) {
>> + struct sem_undo_list *undo_list;
>>
>> > Hmm, this is weird. If there was no undo_list and
>> > tsk!=current, you set the refcnt to 2. But if there was an
>> > undo list and tsk!=current, where do you inc the refcnt?
>>

```

I inc it outside this function, as I don't call get_undo_list() if there is an undo_list.

This appears most clearly in the next patch, in semundo_open() for example.

```
>> - undo_list = current->sysvsem.undo_list;
>> - if (!undo_list) {
>> -   undo_list = kzalloc(sizeof(*undo_list), GFP_KERNEL);
>> +   /* we must alloc a new one */
>> +   undo_list = kmalloc(sizeof(*undo_list), GFP_KERNEL);
>>   if (undo_list == NULL)
>>       return -ENOMEM;
>> +
>> +   task_lock(tsk);
>> +
>> +   /* check again if there is an undo_list for this task */
>> +   if (tsk->sysvsem.undo_list) {
>> +       if (tsk != current)
>> +         atomic_inc(&tsk->sysvsem.undo_list->refcnt);
>> +       task_unlock(tsk);
>> +       kfree(undo_list);
>> +       goto out;
>> +   }
>> +
>>   spin_lock_init(&undo_list->lock);
>> -   atomic_set(&undo_list->refcnt, 1);
>> -   undo_list->ns = get_ipc_ns(current->nsproxy->ipc_ns);
>> -   current->sysvsem.undo_list = undo_list;
>> +   /*
>> +    * If tsk is not current (meaning that current is creating
>> +    * a semundo_list for a target task through procfs), and if
>> +    * it's not being exited then refcnt must be 2: the target
>> +    * task tsk + current.
>> +    */
>> +   if (tsk == current)
>> +     atomic_set(&undo_list->refcnt, 1);
>> +   else if (!(tsk->flags & PF_EXITING))
>> +     atomic_set(&undo_list->refcnt, 2);
>> +   else {
>> +       task_unlock(tsk);
>> +       kfree(undo_list);
>> +       return -EINVAL;
>> +   }
>> +   undo_list->ns = get_ipc_ns(tsk->nsproxy->ipc_ns);
>> +   undo_list->proc_list = NULL;
>> +   tsk->sysvsem.undo_list = undo_list;
>> +   task_unlock(tsk);
>>   }
>> - *undo_listp = undo_list;
```

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>> +out:
>> + *ulp = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
>> return 0;
>> }
>>
>> @@ -1065,17 +1104,12 @@ static struct sem_undo *lookup_undo(stru
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>>
>> -static struct sem_undo *find_undo(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int semid)
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>> struct sem_array *sma;
>> - struct sem_undo_list *ulp;
>> struct sem_undo *un, *new;
>> + struct ipc_namespace *ns;
>> int nsems;
>> - int error;
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>> struct sem_undo *un;
>> int undos = 0, alter = 0, max;
>> struct sem_queue queue;
>> @@ -1177,9 +1214,13 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semtimeop(int semid
>> alter = 1;
>> }
>>
>> + error = get_undo_list(current, &ulp);
>> + if (error)

```

```

>> + goto out_free;
>> +
>> retry_undos:
>> if (undos) {
>> - un = find_undo(ns, semid);
>> + un = find_undo(ulp, semid);
>> if (IS_ERR(un)) {
>>     error = PTR_ERR(un);
>>     goto out_free;
>> @@ -1305,7 +1346,7 @@ int copy_semundo(unsigned long clone fla
>> int error;
>>
>> if (clone_flags & CLONE_SYSVSEM) {
>> - error = get_undo_list(&undo_list);
>> + error = get_undo_list(current, &undo_list);
>> if (error)
>>     return error;
>> atomic_inc(&undo_list->refcnt);
>> @@ -1405,10 +1446,15 @@ next_entry:
>> kfree(undo_list);
>> }
>>
>> -/* called from do_exit() */
>> +/* exit_sem: called from do_exit()
>> + * task_lock is used to synchronize with get_undo_list()
>
> Ok I had to think about this again. I'd like the comment
> here to point out that the task_lock here acts as a barrier
> between the prior setting of PF_EXITING and the undo_list
> being freed here, so that get_undo_list() will either see
> PF_EXITING is NOT in the tsk->flags, in which case it will
> insert the undo_list before the task_lock() is grabbed here,
> and with count=2, so that it gets correctly put here in
> exit_sem, or it will see PF_EXITING set and cancel the
> undo_list it was creating.
>

```

Yep, I will add this to clarify this point.

Thanks Serge.

P.

```

>> + */
>> void exit_sem(struct task_struct *tsk)
>> {
>> - struct sem_undo_list *ul = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
>> + struct sem_undo_list *ul;

```



```
>> + task_lock(tsk);
>> + ul = tsk->sysvsem.undo_list;
>> + task_unlock(tsk);
>> if (ul) {
>>   rcu_assign_pointer(tsk->sysvsem.undo_list, NULL);
>>   synchronize_rcu();
>>
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 12/15] (RFC) IPC/semaphores: make use of RCU to free the sem_undo_list
Posted by [Pierre Peiffer](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2008 09:52:08 GMT
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Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

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> Quoting pierre.peiffer@bull.net (pierre.peiffer@bull.net):
>> From: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>
>>
>> Today, the sem_undo_list is freed when the last task using it exits.
>> There is no mechanism in place, that allows a safe concurrent access to
>> the sem_undo_list of a target task and protects efficiently against a
>> task-exit.
>>
>> That is okay for now as we don't need this.
>>
>> As I would like to provide a /proc interface to access this data, I need
>> such a safe access, without blocking the target task if possible.
>>
>> This patch proposes to introduce the use of RCU to delay the real free of
>> these sem_undo_list structures. They can then be accessed in a safe manner
>> by any tasks inside read critical section, this way:
>>
>> struct sem_undo_list *undo_list;
```

```
>> int ret;
>> ...
>> rcu_read_lock();
>> undo_list = rcu_dereference(task->sysvsem.undo_list);
>> if (undo_list)
>>   ret = atomic_inc_not_zero(&undo_list->refcnt);
>> rcu_read_unlock();
>> ...
>> if (undo_list && ret) {
>>   /* section where undo_list can be used quietly */
>>   ...
>> }
>> ...
>
> And of course then
>
> if (atomic_dec_and_test(&undo_list->refcnt))
>   free_semundo_list(undo_list);
>
> by that task.
>
```

I will precise this too.

```
>> Signed-off-by: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>
>
> Looks correct in terms of locking/refcounting.
>
> Signed-off-by: Serge Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>
>
```

Thanks !

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Pierre

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID

Posted by [dev](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2008 09:54:10 GMT

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 05/15] IPC/semaphores: remove one unused parameter from semctl_down()
Posted by [Pierre Peiffer](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2008 10:18:30 GMT
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Nadia Derby wrote:

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> pierre.peiffer@bull.net wrote:
>> From: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>
>>
>> semctl_down() takes one unused parameter: semnum.
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>>
>> Signed-off-by: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>
>> Acked-by: Serge Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>
>> ---
>> ipc/sem.c | 6 +++---
>> 1 file changed, 3 insertions(+), 3 deletions(-)
>>
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>> =====
>> --- a/ipc/sem.c
>> +++ b/ipc/sem.c
>> @@ -882,8 +882,8 @@ static inline unsigned long copy_semid_f
>>  * to be held in write mode.
>>  * NOTE: no locks must be held, the rw_mutex is taken inside this
>> function.

```

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>> */
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>> -      int cmd, int version, union semun arg)
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>> +      int cmd, int version, union semun arg)
>> {
>>     struct sem_array *sma;
>>     int err;
>> @@ -974,7 +974,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i
>>     return err;
>>     case IPC_RMID:
>>     case IPC_SET:
>> -     err = semctl_down(ns,semid,semnum,cmd,version,arg);
>> +     err = semctl_down(ns, semid, cmd, version, arg);
>>     return err;
>>     default:
>>     return -EINVAL;
>>
>
> Looks like semnum is only used in semctl_main(). Why not removing it
> from semctl_nolock() too?

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Indeed.

In fact, I already fixed that in a previous patch, included in -mm since kernel 2.6.24.rc3-mm2 (patch named ipc-semaphores-consolidate-sem_stat-and.patch)

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Pierre

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 05/15] IPC/semaphores: remove one unused parameter from semctl_down()

Posted by [Nadia Derby](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2008 11:30:51 GMT

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Pierre Peiffer wrote:

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Oops.. Sorry for the "noise"!

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID

Posted by [Pierre Peiffer](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2008 11:57:00 GMT

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID
Posted by [dev](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2008 13:11:26 GMT
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Exporting such intimate kernel interfaces to user space doesn't look sane.
Exactly from compatibility and maintenance POV. You'll be burden with supporting them for a long time.

Remember recent story with SLUB and /proc/slabinfo?

Hope I made my argument more clear this time.

Thanks,
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID

Posted by [Cedric Le Goater](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2008 16:10:03 GMT

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Hello Kirill !

Kirill Korotaev wrote:

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right. we know that we will have to handle a lot of these and more and we will need an API for it :) so how should we handle it ?

through a dedicated syscall that would be able to checkpoint and/or restart a process, an ipc object, an ipc namespace, a full container ? will it take a fd or a big binary blob ?

I personally really liked Pavel idea's of filesystem. but we dropped the thread.

that's for the user API but we will need also kernel services to expose (checkpoint) states and restore them. If it's too early to talk about the user API, we could try first to refactor the kernel internals to expose correctly what we need.

That's what Pierre's patchset is trying to do.

Cheers,

C.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 14/15] (RFC) IPC/semaphores: prepare semundo code to work on another task

Posted by [serue](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2008 18:01:25 GMT

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Quoting Pierre Peiffer (pierre.peiffer@bull.net):

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> Serge E. Hallyn wrote:
> > Quoting pierre.peiffer@bull.net (pierre.peiffer@bull.net):
> > > From: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>
> > >
> > > In order to modify the semundo-list of a task from procfs, we must be able to
> > > work on any target task.
> > > But all the existing code playing with the semundo-list, currently works
> > > only on the 'current' task, and does not allow to specify any target task.
> > >
> > > This patch changes all these routines to allow them to work on a specified
> > > task, passed in parameter, instead of current.
> > >
> > > This is mainly a preparation for the semundo_write() operation, on the
> > > /proc/<pid>/semundo file, as provided in the next patch.
> > >
> > > Signed-off-by: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>
> > > ---
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> > > }
> > >
> > > /* If the task doesn't already have a undo_list, then allocate one
> > > - * here. We guarantee there is only one thread using this undo list,
> > > - * and current is THE ONE
> > > + * here.
> > > + * The target task (tsk) is current in the general case, except when
> > > + * accessed from the procfs (ie when writting to /proc/<pid>/semundo)
> > > *
> > > * If this allocation and assignment succeeds, but later
> > > * portions of this code fail, there is no need to free the sem_undo_list.
> > > @@ -1026,22 +1027,60 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i
> > > * at exit time.
> > > *
> > > * This can block, so callers must hold no locks.
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> >> + *
> >> + * Note: task_lock is used to synchronize 1. several possible concurrent
> >> + * creations and 2. the free of the undo_list (done when the task using it
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> >> + * an undo_list for a task which has exited.
> >> + * If there already is an undo_list for this task, there is no need
> >> + * to held the task-lock to retrieve it, as the pointer can not change
> >> + * afterwards.
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 14/15] (RFC) IPC/semaphores:
prepare semundo code to work on another task

Posted by [Pierre Peiffer](#) on Fri, 01 Feb 2008 12:09:48 GMT

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Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

> Quoting Pierre Peiffer (pierre.peiffer@bull.net):

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>>>> From: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>

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>>>> In order to modify the semundo-list of a task from procfs, we must be able to

>>>> work on any target task.

>>>> But all the existing code playing with the semundo-list, currently works

>>>> only on the 'current' task, and does not allow to specify any target task.

>>>>

>>>> This patch changes all these routines to allow them to work on a specified

>>>> task, passed in parameter, instead of current.

>>>>

>>>> This is mainly a preparation for the semundo_write() operation, on the

>>>> /proc/<pid>/semundo file, as provided in the next patch.

>>>>

>>>> Signed-off-by: Pierre Peiffer <pierre.peiffer@bull.net>

>>>> ---

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>>>> ipc/sem.c | 90 +++-----

>>>> 1 file changed, 68 insertions(+), 22 deletions(-)

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>>>> Index: b/ipc/sem.c

>>>> =====

>>>> --- a/ipc/sem.c

>>>> +++ b/ipc/sem.c

>>>> @@ -1017,8 +1017,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i

>>>> }

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>>>> /* If the task doesn't already have a undo_list, then allocate one

>>>> - * here. We guarantee there is only one thread using this undo list,

>>>> - * and current is THE ONE

>>>> + * here.

>>>> + * The target task (tsk) is current in the general case, except when

>>>> + * accessed from the procfs (ie when writting to /proc/<pid>/semundo)

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>>>> *
>>>> * If this allocation and assignment succeeds, but later
>>>> * portions of this code fail, there is no need to free the sem_undo_list.
>>>> @@ -1026,22 +1027,60 @@ asmlinkage long sys_semctl (int semid, i
>>>> * at exit time.
>>>> *
>>>> * This can block, so callers must hold no locks.
>>>> + *
>>>> + * Note: task_lock is used to synchronize 1. several possible concurrent
>>>> + * creations and 2. the free of the undo_list (done when the task using it
>>>> + * exits). In the second case, we check the PF_EXITING flag to not create
>>>> + * an undo_list for a task which has exited.
>>>> + * If there already is an undo_list for this task, there is no need
>>>> + * to held the task-lock to retrieve it, as the pointer can not change
>>>> + * afterwards.
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> Right.

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And yesterday, with more testing in the corners, I've found another issue: if I use /proc/self/semundo, I don't have tsk != current and the refcnt is wrong too.

Thanks for finding this !

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 00/15] IPC: code rewrite + new functionalities
Posted by [Pavel Machek](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 18:23:52 GMT
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Pavel

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID

Posted by [dev](#) on Mon, 04 Feb 2008 13:41:26 GMT

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If we want to support all kind of applications, yes, we must also support

SysVipc. We must support all kernel subsystems at the end.
I've started with IPC, because it's relatively simple and isolated.

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Pierre

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To remember the place when we stopped previous read we have a "pos" counter on the struct file.

Actually, tar utility, that I propose to perform the most simple migration reads the directory contents with 4Kb buffer - that's enough for ~500 tasks.

Besides, is this a real problem for a frozen container?

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Subject: Re: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID

Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Mon, 04 Feb 2008 15:16:43 GMT

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Daniel Lezcano wrote:

> Pavel Emelyanov wrote:

>> Kirill Korotaev wrote:

>>> Cedric Le Goater wrote:

>>>> Hello Kirill !

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>>>> Kirill Korotaev wrote:

>>>>> Pierre,

>>>>>

>>>>> my point is that after you've added interface "set IPCID", you'll need

>>>>> more and more for checkpointing:

>>>>> - "create/setup conntrack" (otherwise connections get dropped),

>>>>> - "set task start time" (needed for Oracle checkpointing BTW),

>>>>> - "set some statistics counters (e.g. networking or taskstats)"

>>>>> - "restore inotify"

>>>>> and so on and so forth.

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This is achieved by tar automatically - it extracts files in the order
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 00/15] IPC: code rewrite + new functionalities
Posted by [Benjamin Thery](#) on Mon, 04 Feb 2008 15:44:34 GMT
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Pavel Machek wrote:

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>> * Patches 9 to 15 propose to add some functionalities, and thus are
>> submitted here for RFC, about both the interest and their implementation.
>> These functionalities are:
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>> . IPC_SETID: to change an IPC's id.
>> . IPC_SETALL: behaves as IPC_SET, except that it also sets all time
>> and pid values)
>> - add a /proc/<pid>/semundo file to read and write the undo values of
>> some semaphores for a given process.
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> Pavel

For my personal culture, what do you mean by "broken by design"?

Even if it's broken, don't you think some people could be interested in
checkpointing "legacy" applications that use SysV IPC?

Benjamin

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 00/15] IPC: code rewrite + new functionalities
Posted by [Pavel Machek](#) on Mon, 04 Feb 2008 19:51:50 GMT
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int shmget(key_t key, size_t size, int shmflg);
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....so how do you produce key in a way that is guaranteed not to
interfere with other uses?

Pavel

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(english) <http://www.livejournal.com/~pavelmachek>

(cesky, pictures) <http://atrey.karlin.mff.cuni.cz/~pavel/picture/horses/blog.html>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID

Posted by [Oren Laadan](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 09:51:09 GMT

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>>>>>
>>>>> They return 0 or an error code in case of failure.
>>>>>
>>>>> They may be useful for setting a specific ID for an IPC when preparing
>>>>> a restart operation.
>>>>>
>>>>> To be successful, the following rules must be respected:
>>>>> - the IPC exists (of course...)
>>>>> - the new ID must satisfy the ID computation rule.
>>>>> - the entry in the idr corresponding to the new ID must be free.
>>>>> ipc/util.c      | 48 ++++++

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>>>> ipc/util.h | 1 +
>>>> 8 files changed, 197 insertions(+)
>>>> For the record, OpenVZ uses "create with predefined ID" method which
>>>> leads to less code. For example, change at the end is all we want from
>>>> ipc/util.c .
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>>> Do you think that this could fit your need ?
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID

Posted by [Dave Hansen](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 18:00:25 GMT

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On Tue, 2008-02-05 at 04:51 -0500, Oren Laadan wrote:

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You forgot to attach the patch to your mail. ;)

-- Dave

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.24-rc8-mm1 09/15] (RFC) IPC: new kernel API to change an ID

Posted by [serue](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 18:42:34 GMT

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Quoting Oren Laadan (oren1@cs.columbia.edu):

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The /proc/self approach is one way to go, it has been working for LSMs this long. I'd agree that it would be nice if we could have a consistent interface to the create_with_id()/set_id() problem. A first shot addressing ipc's and pids would be a great start.

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LOL ... a bit of misunderstanding - let me put some order here:

my response what with respect to the new interface that Pierre suggested, that is - to add a new IPC call to change an identifier after it has been allocated (and assigned). This is necessary for the restart because applications expect to see the same resource id's as they had at the time of the checkpoint.

What you are referring to is the more recent part of the thread, where the topic became how data should be saved - in other words, the format of the checkpoint data. This is entirely orthogonal to my argument.

Now please re-read my email :)

That said, I'd advocate for something in between a raw dump and a pure "parametric" representation of the data. Raw data tends to be, well, too raw, which makes the task of reading data from older version by newer kernels harder to maintain. On the other hand, it is impossible to abstract everything into kernel-independent format.

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You will never be able to avoid that completely, simply because new kernels will require saving more (or less) data per object, because of new (or dropped) features.

The best solution in this sense is to provide a filter (hopefully in user space, utility) that would convert a checkpoint image file from the old format to a newer format.

And you keep a lot of compatibility code of the kernel, too.

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I prefer not to add a new interface to IPC that will provide a new functionality that isn't needed, except for the checkpoint - because there is a better alternative to do the same task; this alternative is more suitable because (a) it can be applied incrementally, (b) it provides a consistent method to pre-select identifiers of all syscalls, (where is the current suggestion suggests one way for IPC and will suggest other hacks for other resources).

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Consider that we want to have an ultra-fast restart, so we let processes restart in parallel (as much as possible) in the same container. Task A wants to allocate IPC id 256, but the kernel allocates 32; before task A manages to change it to 256 (with the new interface), task B attempts to create an IPC id 32; the kernel provides, say, 1024, and task B fails to change it to 32 because it is still used by task A. So restart fails :(

On the other hand, if a process first tells the kernel "I want 32" and then calls, for instance, `semget()`, then the IPC can atomically ensure that the process gets what it wanted.

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Posted by [serue](#) on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 05:00:39 GMT

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>> things like the precise layout of the task_struct. What Pierre is doing
>> is in fact the opposite, exporting resource information in a kernel
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> LOL ... a bit of misunderstanding - let me put some order here:
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> suggested, that is - to add a new IPC call to change an identifier
> after it has been allocated (and assigned). This is necessary for the
> restart because applications expect to see the same resource id's as
> they had at the time of the checkpoint.
>
> What you are referring to is the more recent part of the thread, where
> the topic became how data should be saved - in other words, the format
> of the checkpoint data. This is entirely orthogonal to my argument.

>
> Now please re-read my email :)

Heh - by the end of my response I was pretty sure that was the case :)

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> "parametric" representation of the data. Raw data tends to be, well,
> too raw, which makes the task of reading data from older version by
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> to abstract everything into kernel-independent format.

Well, that's probably getting a little pedantic, but true.

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>> from the kernel in one shot, we'll be much more tempted to lay out data
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> You will never be able to avoid that completely, simply because new
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Sure.

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Naturally.

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>>>>> of all
>>>>> IPCs, as needed in the case of the checkpoint/restart of an application
>>>>> (the
>>>>> current user API does not allow to specify an ID for a created IPC, for
>>>>> example). And this, without changing the existing API of course.
>>>>>
>>>>> And msgget(), semget() and shmget() does not have any parameter we can
>>>>> use to
>>>>> specify an ID.
>>>>> That's why I've decided to not change these routines and add a new
>>>>> control
>>>>> command, IP_SETID, with which we can can change the ID of an IPC. (that
>>>>> looks to
>>>>> me more straightforward and logical)
>>>>>
>>>>> Now, this patch is, in fact, only a preparation for the patch 10/15
>>>>> which
>>>>> really complete the user API by adding this IPC_SETID command.
>>>>>
>>>>> (... continuing below ...)
>>>>>
>>>>> Alexey Dobriyan wrote:
>>>>>> On Tue, Jan 29, 2008 at 05:02:38PM +0100, pierre.peiffer@bull.net
>>>>>> wrote:
>>>>>>> This patch provides three new API to change the ID of an existing
>>>>>>> System V IPCs.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> These APIs are:
>>>>>>> long msg_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);
>>>>>>> long sem_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);
>>>>>>> long shm_chid(struct ipc_namespace *ns, int id, int newid);
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> They return 0 or an error code in case of failure.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> They may be useful for setting a specific ID for an IPC when preparing
>>>>>>> a restart operation.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> To be successful, the following rules must be respected:

>>>>>> - the IPC exists (of course...)
>>>>>> - the new ID must satisfy the ID computation rule.
>>>>>> - the entry in the idr corresponding to the new ID must be free.
>>>>>> ipc/util.c | 48
>>>>>> +++
>>>>>> ipc/util.h | 1 +
>>>>>> 8 files changed, 197 insertions(+)
>>>>>> For the record, OpenVZ uses "create with predefined ID" method which
>>>>>> leads to less code. For example, change at the end is all we want from
>>>>>> ipc/util.c .
>>>>> And in fact, you do that from kernel space, you don't have the
>>>>> constraint to fit
>>>>> the existing user API.
>>>>> Again, this patch, even if it presents a new kernel API, is in fact a
>>>>> preparation for the next patch which introduces a new user API.
>>>>>
>>>>> Do you think that this could fit your need ?
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