

## Devpts namespace patchset

In continuation of the implementation of containers in mainline, we need to support multiple PTY namespaces so that the PTY index (ie the tty names) in one container is independent of the PTY indices of other containers. For instance this would allow each container to have a '/dev/pts/0' PTY and refer to different terminals.

[PATCH 1/7]: Propagate error code from devpts\_pty\_new

[PATCH 2/7]: Factor out PTY index allocation

[PATCH 3/7]: Enable multiple mounts of /dev/pts

[PATCH 4/7]: Allow mknod of ptmx and tty in devpts

[PATCH 5/7]: Implement get\_pts\_ns() and put\_pts\_ns()

[PATCH 6/7]: Determine pts\_ns from a pty's inode

[PATCH 7/7]: Enable cloning PTY namespaces

### Todo:

- This patchset depends on availability of additional clone flags. and relies on Cedric's clone64 patchset. See

<http://marc.info/?l=linux-kernel&m=120272411925609&w=2>

- Needs some cleanup and more testing

- Ensure patchset is bisect-safe

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Changelogs from earlier posts to Containers@.

### Changelog[v2]:

(Patches 4 and 6 differ significantly from [v1]. Others are mostly the same)

- [Alexey Dobriyan, Pavel Emelyanov] Removed the hack to check for user-space mount.
- [Serge Hallyn] Added rcu locking around access to sb->s\_fs\_info.
- [Serge Hallyn] Allow creation of /dev/pts/ptmx and /dev/pts/tty devices to simplify the process of finding the 'owning' pts-ns of the device (specially when accessed from parent-pts-ns) See patches 4 and 6 for details.

#### Changelog[v1]:

- Fixed circular reference by not caching the pts\_ns in sb->s\_fs\_info (without incrementing reference count) and clearing the sb->s\_fs\_info when destroying the pts\_ns
- To allow access to a child container's ptys from parent container, determine the 'pts\_ns' of a 'pty' from its inode.
- Added a check (hack) to ensure user-space mount of /dev/pts is done before creating PTYs in a new pts-ns.
- Reorganized the patchset and removed redundant changes.
- Ported to work with Cedric Le Goater's clone64() system call now that we are out of clone\_flags.

#### Changelog[v0]:

This patchset is based on earlier versions developed by Serge Hallyn and Matt Helsley.

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Subject: [RFC][PATCH 1/7]: Propagate error code from devpts\_pty\_new

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Subject: [RFC][PATCH 1/7]: Propagate error code from devpts\_pty\_new

Have ptmx\_open() propagate any error code returned by devpts\_pty\_new() (which returns either 0 or -ENOMEM anyway).

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drivers/char/tty\_io.c | 4 ++--

1 file changed, 2 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)

Index: 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/drivers/char/tty\_io.c

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--- 2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/drivers/char/tty\_io.c 2008-04-07 14:49:56.000000000 -0700

+++ 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/drivers/char/tty\_io.c 2008-04-08 09:12:55.000000000 -0700

@ @ -2835,8 +2835,8 @ @ static int ptmx\_open(struct inode \*inode

filp->private\_data = tty;

file\_move(filp, &tty->tty\_files);

```
- retval = -ENOMEM;
- if (devpts_pty_new(tty->link))
+ retval = devpts_pty_new(tty->link);
+ if (retval)
    goto out1;

    check_tty_count(tty, "tty_open");
```

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Subject: [RFC][PATCH 2/7]: Factor out PTY index allocation

Factor out the code used to allocate/free a pts index into new interfaces, devpts\_new\_index() and devpts\_kill\_index(). This localizes the external data structures used in managing the pts indices.

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drivers/char/tty_io.c    | 40 ++++++-----
fs/devpts/inode.c        | 42 ++++++-----
include/linux/devpts_fs.h | 4 +---
3 files changed, 51 insertions(+), 35 deletions(-)
```

Index: 2.6.25-rc5-mm1/include/linux/devpts\_fs.h

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--- 2.6.25-rc5-mm1.orig/include/linux/devpts_fs.h 2008-03-24 20:04:07.000000000 -0700
+++ 2.6.25-rc5-mm1/include/linux/devpts_fs.h 2008-03-24 20:04:26.000000000 -0700
@@ -17,6 +17,8 @@
```

```
#ifdef CONFIG_UNIX98_PTYS
```

```
+int devpts_new_index(void);
+void devpts_kill_index(int idx);
int devpts_pty_new(struct tty_struct *tty); /* mknod in devpts */
struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(int number); /* get tty structure */
void devpts_pty_kill(int number); /* unlink */
```

```

@@ -24,6 +26,8 @@ void devpts_pty_kill(int number); /* u
#else

/* Dummy stubs in the no-pty case */
+static inline int devpts_new_index(void) { return -EINVAL; }
+static inline void devpts_kill_index(int idx) { }
static inline int devpts_pty_new(struct tty_struct *tty) { return -EINVAL; }
static inline struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(int number) { return NULL; }
static inline void devpts_pty_kill(int number) { }
Index: 2.6.25-rc5-mm1/drivers/char/tty_io.c

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--- 2.6.25-rc5-mm1.orig/drivers/char/tty_io.c 2008-03-24 20:04:07.000000000 -0700
+++ 2.6.25-rc5-mm1/drivers/char/tty_io.c 2008-03-24 20:04:26.000000000 -0700

```

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@@ -91,7 +91,6 @@
#include <linux/module.h>
#include <linux/smp_lock.h>
#include <linux/device.h>
-#include <linux/idr.h>
#include <linux/wait.h>
#include <linux/bitops.h>
#include <linux/delay.h>
@@ -137,9 +136,6 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(tty_mutex);

#ifdef CONFIG_UNIX98_PTYS
extern struct tty_driver *ptm_driver; /* Unix98 pty masters; for /dev/ptmx */
-extern int pty_limit; /* Config limit on Unix98 ptys */
-static DEFINE_IDR(allocated_ptys);
-static DEFINE_MUTEX(allocated_ptys_lock);
static int ptmx_open(struct inode *, struct file *);
#endif

@@ -2636,15 +2632,9 @@ static void release_dev(struct file *fil
*/
release_tty(tty, idx);

-#ifdef CONFIG_UNIX98_PTYS
/* Make this pty number available for reallocation */
- if (devpts) {
- mutex_lock(&allocated_ptys_lock);
- idr_remove(&allocated_ptys, idx);
- mutex_unlock(&allocated_ptys_lock);
- }
-#endif
-
+ if (devpts)
+ devpts_kill_index(idx);
}

```

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/**
@@ -2800,29 +2790,13 @@ static int ptmx_open(struct inode *inode
    struct tty_struct *tty;
    int retval;
    int index;
- int idr_ret;

    nonseekable_open(inode, filp);

    /* find a device that is not in use. */
- mutex_lock(&allocated_ptys_lock);
- if (!idr_pre_get(&allocated_ptys, GFP_KERNEL)) {
- mutex_unlock(&allocated_ptys_lock);
- return -ENOMEM;
- }
- idr_ret = idr_get_new(&allocated_ptys, NULL, &index);
- if (idr_ret < 0) {
- mutex_unlock(&allocated_ptys_lock);
- if (idr_ret == -EAGAIN)
- return -ENOMEM;
- return -EIO;
- }
- if (index >= pty_limit) {
- idr_remove(&allocated_ptys, index);
- mutex_unlock(&allocated_ptys_lock);
- return -EIO;
- }
- mutex_unlock(&allocated_ptys_lock);
+ index = devpts_new_index();
+ if (index < 0)
+ return index;

    mutex_lock(&tty_mutex);
    retval = init_dev(ptm_driver, index, &tty);
@@ -2847,9 +2821,7 @@ out1:
    release_dev(filp);
    return retval;
out:
- mutex_lock(&allocated_ptys_lock);
- idr_remove(&allocated_ptys, index);
- mutex_unlock(&allocated_ptys_lock);
+ devpts_kill_index(index);
    return retval;
}
#endif
Index: 2.6.25-rc5-mm1/fs/devpts/inode.c
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--- 2.6.25-rc5-mm1.orig/fs/devpts/inode.c 2008-03-24 20:04:07.000000000 -0700

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+++ 2.6.25-rc5-mm1/fs/devpts/inode.c 2008-03-24 20:04:26.000000000 -0700
@@ -17,6 +17,7 @@
#include <linux/namei.h>
#include <linux/mount.h>
#include <linux/tty.h>
+#include <linux/idr.h>
#include <linux/devpts_fs.h>
#include <linux/parser.h>
#include <linux/fsnotify.h>
@@ -26,6 +27,10 @@

```

```

#define DEVPTS_DEFAULT_MODE 0600

```

```

+extern int pty_limit; /* Config limit on Unix98 ptys */
+static DEFINE_IDR(allocated_ptys);
+static DECLARE_MUTEX(allocated_ptys_lock);
+
static struct vfsmount *devpts_mnt;
static struct dentry *devpts_root;

```

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@@ -171,9 +176,44 @@ static struct dentry *get_node(int num)
    return lookup_one_len(s, root, sprintf(s, "%d", num));
}

```

```

+int devpts_new_index(void)
+{
+ int index;
+ int idr_ret;
+
+retry:
+ if (!idr_pre_get(&allocated_ptys, GFP_KERNEL)) {
+ return -ENOMEM;
+ }
+
+ down(&allocated_ptys_lock);
+ idr_ret = idr_get_new(&allocated_ptys, NULL, &index);
+ if (idr_ret < 0) {
+ up(&allocated_ptys_lock);
+ if (idr_ret == -EAGAIN)
+ goto retry;
+ return -EIO;
+ }
+
+ if (index >= pty_limit) {
+ idr_remove(&allocated_ptys, index);
+ up(&allocated_ptys_lock);
+ return -EIO;
+ }

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+ up(&allocated_ptys_lock);
+ return index;
+}
+
+void devpts_kill_index(int idx)
+{
+ down(&allocated_ptys_lock);
+ idr_remove(&allocated_ptys, idx);
+ up(&allocated_ptys_lock);
+}
+
+int devpts_pty_new(struct tty_struct *tty)
+{
+ - int number = tty->index;
+ + int number = tty->index; /* tty layer puts index from devpts_new_index() in here */
+   struct tty_driver *driver = tty->driver;
+   dev_t device = MKDEV(driver->major, driver->minor_start+number);
+   struct dentry *dentry;

```

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Subject:[RFC][PATCH 3/7]: Enable multiple mounts of /dev/pts

To support multiple PTY namespaces, we should be allow multiple mounts of /dev/pts, once within each PTY namespace.

This patch removes the get\_sb\_single() in devpts\_get\_sb() and uses test and set sb interfaces to allow remounting /dev/pts. The patch also removes the globals, 'devpts\_mnt', 'devpts\_root' and uses a skeletal 'init\_pts\_ns' to store the vfs mount.

Changelog [v3]:

- Removed some unnecessary comments from devpts\_set\_sb()

Changelog [v2]:

- (Pavel Emelianov/Serge Hallyn) Remove reference to pts\_ns from sb->s\_fs\_info to fix the circular reference (/dev/pts is not unmounted unless the pts\_ns is destroyed, so we don't need a reference to the pts\_ns).

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fs/devpts/inode.c      | 151 ++++++-----
include/linux/devpts_fs.h | 11 +++
2 files changed, 134 insertions(+), 28 deletions(-)
```

Index: 2.6.25-rc5-mm1/include/linux/devpts\_fs.h

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--- 2.6.25-rc5-mm1.orig/include/linux/devpts_fs.h 2008-03-24 20:04:26.000000000 -0700
+++ 2.6.25-rc5-mm1/include/linux/devpts_fs.h 2008-04-01 18:08:42.000000000 -0700
@@ -14,6 +14,17 @@
#define _LINUX_DEVPTS_FS_H
```

```
#include <linux/errno.h>
+#include <linux/nsproxy.h>
+#include <linux/kref.h>
+#include <linux/idr.h>
+
+struct pts_namespace {
+ struct kref kref;
+ struct idr allocated_ptys;
+ struct vfsmount *mnt;
+};
+
+extern struct pts_namespace init_pts_ns;
```

```
#ifdef CONFIG_UNIX98_PTYS
```

Index: 2.6.25-rc5-mm1/fs/devpts/inode.c

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--- 2.6.25-rc5-mm1.orig/fs/devpts/inode.c 2008-03-24 20:04:26.000000000 -0700
+++ 2.6.25-rc5-mm1/fs/devpts/inode.c 2008-04-01 18:08:41.000000000 -0700
@@ -28,12 +28,8 @@
#define DEVPTS_DEFAULT_MODE 0600
```

```
extern int pty_limit; /* Config limit on Unix98 ptys */
-static DEFINE_IDR(allocated_ptys);
static DECLARE_MUTEX(allocated_ptys_lock);

-static struct vfsmount *devpts_mnt;
-static struct dentry *devpts_root;
-
static struct {
    int setuid;
    int setgid;
```



```

@@ -54,6 +50,15 @@ static match_table_t tokens = {
    {Opt_err, NULL}
};

+struct pts_namespace init_pts_ns = {
+ .kref = {
+ .refcount = ATOMIC_INIT(2),
+ },
+ .allocated_ptys = IDR_INIT(init_pts_ns.allocated_ptys),
+ .mnt = NULL,
+};
+
+
static int devpts_remount(struct super_block *sb, int *flags, char *data)
{
    char *p;
@@ -140,7 +145,7 @@ devpts_fill_super(struct super_block *s,
    inode->i_fop = &simple_dir_operations;
    inode->i_nlink = 2;

- devpts_root = s->s_root = d_alloc_root(inode);
+ s->s_root = d_alloc_root(inode);
    if (s->s_root)
        return 0;

@@ -150,17 +155,73 @@ fail:
    return -ENOMEM;
}

+/*
+ * We use test and set super-block operations to help determine whether we
+ * need a new super-block for this namespace. get_sb() walks the list of
+ * existing devpts supers, comparing them with the @data ptr. Since we
+ * passed 'current's namespace as the @data pointer we can compare the
+ * namespace pointer in the super-block's 's_fs_info'. If the test is
+ * TRUE then get_sb() returns a new active reference to the super block.
+ * Otherwise, it helps us build an active reference to a new one.
+ */
+
+static int devpts_test_sb(struct super_block *sb, void *data)
+{
+ return sb->s_fs_info == data;
+}
+
+static int devpts_set_sb(struct super_block *sb, void *data)
+{
+ sb->s_fs_info = data;
+ return set_anon_super(sb, NULL);

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+}
+
static int devpts_get_sb(struct file_system_type *fs_type,
    int flags, const char *dev_name, void *data, struct vfsmount *mnt)
{
- return get_sb_single(fs_type, flags, data, devpts_fill_super, mnt);
+ struct super_block *sb;
+ struct pts_namespace *ns;
+ int err;
+
+ /* hereafter we're very similar to proc_get_sb */
+ if (flags & MS_KERNMOUNT)
+   ns = data;
+ else
+   ns = &init_pts_ns;
+
+ /* hereafter we're very similar to get_sb_nodev */
+ sb = sget(fs_type, devpts_test_sb, devpts_set_sb, ns);
+ if (IS_ERR(sb))
+   return PTR_ERR(sb);
+
+ if (sb->s_root)
+   return simple_set_mnt(mnt, sb);
+
+ sb->s_flags = flags;
+ err = devpts_fill_super(sb, data, flags & MS_SILENT ? 1 : 0);
+ if (err) {
+   up_write(&sb->s_umount);
+   deactivate_super(sb);
+   return err;
+ }
+
+ sb->s_flags |= MS_ACTIVE;
+ ns->mnt = mnt;
+
+ return simple_set_mnt(mnt, sb);
+}
+
+static void devpts_kill_sb(struct super_block *sb)
+{
+ sb->s_fs_info = NULL;
+ kill_anon_super(sb);
+ }

static struct file_system_type devpts_fs_type = {
    .owner  = THIS_MODULE,
    .name   = "devpts",
    .get_sb = devpts_get_sb,

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- .kill_sb = kill_anon_super,
+ .kill_sb = devpts_kill_sb,
};

/*
@@ -168,10 +229,9 @@ static struct file_system_type devpts_fs
 * to the System V naming convention
 */

-static struct dentry *get_node(int num)
+static struct dentry *get_node(struct dentry *root, int num)
{
    char s[12];
- struct dentry *root = devpts_root;
    mutex_lock(&root->d_inode->i_mutex);
    return lookup_one_len(s, root, sprintf(s, "%d", num));
}
@@ -180,14 +240,15 @@ int devpts_new_index(void)
{
    int index;
    int idr_ret;
+ struct pts_namespace *pts_ns = &init_pts_ns;

    retry:
- if (!idr_pre_get(&allocated_ptys, GFP_KERNEL)) {
+ if (!idr_pre_get(&pts_ns->allocated_ptys, GFP_KERNEL)) {
    return -ENOMEM;
}

    down(&allocated_ptys_lock);
- idr_ret = idr_get_new(&allocated_ptys, NULL, &index);
+ idr_ret = idr_get_new(&pts_ns->allocated_ptys, NULL, &index);
    if (idr_ret < 0) {
        up(&allocated_ptys_lock);
        if (idr_ret == -EAGAIN)
@@ -196,7 +257,7 @@ retry:
    }

    if (index >= pty_limit) {
- idr_remove(&allocated_ptys, index);
+ idr_remove(&pts_ns->allocated_ptys, index);
        up(&allocated_ptys_lock);
        return -EIO;
    }
@@ -206,8 +267,10 @@ retry:

void devpts_kill_index(int idx)
{

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+ struct pts_namespace *pts_ns = &init_pts_ns;
+
+   down(&allocated_ptys_lock);
- idr_remove(&allocated_ptys, idx);
+ idr_remove(&pts_ns->allocated_ptys, idx);
+   up(&allocated_ptys_lock);
+ }

@@ -217,12 +280,26 @@ int devpts_pty_new(struct tty_struct *tt
+   struct tty_driver *driver = tty->driver;
+   dev_t device = MKDEV(driver->major, driver->minor_start+number);
+   struct dentry *dentry;
- struct inode *inode = new_inode(devpts_mnt->mnt_sb);
+ struct dentry *root;
+ struct vfsmount *mnt;
+ struct inode *inode;
+ struct pts_namespace *pts_ns = &init_pts_ns;

+   /* We're supposed to be given the slave end of a pty */
+   BUG_ON(driver->type != TTY_DRIVER_TYPE_PTY);
+   BUG_ON(driver->subtype != PTY_TYPE_SLAVE);

+   mnt = pts_ns->mnt;
+   root = mnt->mnt_root;
+
+   + mutex_lock(&root->d_inode->i_mutex);
+   + inode = idr_find(&pts_ns->allocated_ptys, number);
+   + mutex_unlock(&root->d_inode->i_mutex);
+
+   + if (inode && !IS_ERR(inode))
+   +   return -EEXIST;
+
+   + inode = new_inode(mnt->mnt_sb);
+   + if (!inode)
+   +   return -ENOMEM;

@@ -232,23 +309,29 @@ int devpts_pty_new(struct tty_struct *tt
+   inode->i_mtime = inode->i_atime = inode->i_ctime = CURRENT_TIME;
+   init_special_inode(inode, S_IFCHR|config.mode, device);
+   inode->i_private = tty;
+   + idr_replace(&pts_ns->allocated_ptys, inode, number);

- dentry = get_node(number);
+ dentry = get_node(root, number);
+   if (!IS_ERR(dentry) && !dentry->d_inode) {
+   +   d_instantiate(dentry, inode);
- fsnotify_create(devpts_root->d_inode, dentry);
+ fsnotify_create(root->d_inode, dentry);

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}

- mutex_unlock(&devpts_root->d_inode->i_mutex);
+ mutex_unlock(&root->d_inode->i_mutex);

return 0;
}

struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(int number)
{
- struct dentry *dentry = get_node(number);
+ struct vfsmount *mnt;
+ struct dentry *dentry;
  struct tty_struct *tty;

+ mnt = init_pts_ns.mnt;
+
+ dentry = get_node(mnt->mnt_root, number);
+
  tty = NULL;
  if (!IS_ERR(dentry)) {
    if (dentry->d_inode)
@@ -256,14 +339,19 @@ struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(int nu
    dput(dentry);
  }

- mutex_unlock(&devpts_root->d_inode->i_mutex);
+ mutex_unlock(&mnt->mnt_root->d_inode->i_mutex);

return tty;
}

void devpts_pty_kill(int number)
{
- struct dentry *dentry = get_node(number);
+ struct dentry *dentry;
+ struct dentry *root;
+
+ root = init_pts_ns.mnt->mnt_root;
+
+ dentry = get_node(root, number);

  if (!IS_ERR(dentry)) {
    struct inode *inode = dentry->d_inode;
@@ -274,24 +362,31 @@ void devpts_pty_kill(int number)
  }
  dput(dentry);
}

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- mutex_unlock(&devpts_root->d_inode->i_mutex);
+ mutex_unlock(&root->d_inode->i_mutex);
}

static int __init init_devpts_fs(void)
{
- int err = register_filesystem(&devpts_fs_type);
- if (!err) {
-   devpts_mnt = kern_mount(&devpts_fs_type);
-   if (IS_ERR(devpts_mnt))
-     err = PTR_ERR(devpts_mnt);
- }
+ struct vfsmount *mnt;
+ int err;
+
+ err = register_filesystem(&devpts_fs_type);
+ if (err)
+   return err;
+
+ mnt = kern_mount_data(&devpts_fs_type, &init_pts_ns);
+ if (IS_ERR(mnt))
+   err = PTR_ERR(mnt);
+ else
+   init_pts_ns.mnt = mnt;
+   return err;
+ }

static void __exit exit_devpts_fs(void)
{
  unregister_filesystem(&devpts_fs_type);
- mntput(devpts_mnt);
+ mntput(init_pts_ns.mnt);
+ init_pts_ns.mnt = NULL;
}

module_init(init_devpts_fs)

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Subject: [RFC][PATCH 4/7]: Allow mknod of ptmx and tty in devpts

We want to allow administrators to access PTYs in descendant pts-namespaces, for instance "echo foo > /vserver/vserver1/dev/pts/0". To enable such access we must hold a reference to the pts-ns in which the device (ptmx or slave pty) exists.

Note that we cannot use the pts-ns of the 'current' process since that pts-ns could be different from the pts-ns in which the PTY device was created. So we find the pts-ns from the inode of the PTY (inode->i\_sb->s\_fs\_info).

While this would work for the slave PTY devices like /dev/pts/0, it would not work for either the master PTY device (/dev/ptmx) or controlling terminal (/dev/tty).

To uniformly handle the master, slave and controlling ttys, we allow creation of 'ptmx' and 'tty' devices in /dev/pts. When creating containers, the administrator can then:

In init-pts-ns:

```
$ mknod /dev/pts/ptmx c 5 2
$ mknod /dev/pts/tty c 5 0
$ rm /dev/ptmx /dev/tty
$ ln -s /dev/pts/ptmx /dev/ptmx
$ ln -s /dev/pts/tty /dev/tty
```

In child-pts-ns:

```
$ umount /dev/pts
$ mount -t devpts lxcpts /dev/pts
$ mknod /dev/pts/ptmx c 5 2
$ mknod /dev/pts/tty c 5 0
```

With this, even if the 'ptmx' is accessed from parent pts-ns we still find and hold the pts-ns in which 'ptmx' actually belongs.

This patch merely allows creation of /dev/pts/ptmx and /dev/pts/tty. Follow-on patches will enable cloning the pts namespace and using the pts-ns from the inode.

TODO:

- Ability to unlink the /dev/pts/ptmx and /dev/pts/tty nodes.

Note:

- If /dev/ptmx is a symlink to /vserver/vserver1/dev/pts/ptmx, open("/dev/ptmx") in init-pts-ns will create a PTY in 'vserver1' !

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fs/devpts/inode.c | 55 ++++++-----  
1 file changed, 51 insertions(+), 4 deletions(-)

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--- 2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/fs/devpts/inode.c 2008-04-08 09:18:23.000000000 -0700

+++ 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/fs/devpts/inode.c 2008-04-08 13:35:43.000000000 -0700

@@ -58,7 +58,6 @@ struct pts\_namespace init\_pts\_ns = {  
 .mnt = NULL,  
};

-

```
static int devpts_remount(struct super_block *sb, int *flags, char *data)
{
    char *p;
@@ -122,6 +121,54 @@ static const struct super_operations dev
    .show_options = devpts_show_options,
};
```

+

```
+static int devpts_mknod(struct inode *dir, struct dentry *dentry,
+    int mode, dev_t rdev)
+{
+    int inum;
+    struct inode *inode;
+    struct super_block *sb = dir->i_sb;
+
+    if (dentry->d_inode)
+        return -EEXIST;
+
+    if (!S_ISCHR(mode))
+        return -EPERM;
+
+    if (rdev == MKDEV(TTYAUX_MAJOR, 0))
+        inum = 2;
+    else if (rdev == MKDEV(TTYAUX_MAJOR, 2))
+        inum = 3;
+    else
+        return -EPERM;
+
+    inode = new_inode(sb);
+    if (!inode)
+        return -ENOMEM;
+
+    inode->i_ino = inum;
+    inode->i_uid = inode->i_gid = 0;
+    inode->i_blocks = 0;
```



```

+ inode->i_mtime = inode->i_atime = inode->i_ctime = CURRENT_TIME;
+
+ init_special_inode(inode, mode, rdev);
+
+ d_instantiate(dentry, inode);
+ /*
+  * Get a reference to the dentry so the device-nodes persist
+  * even when there are no active references to them. We use
+  * kill_litter_super() to remove this entry when unmounting
+  * devpts.
+  */
+ dget(dentry);
+ return 0;
+}
+
+const struct inode_operations devpts_dir_inode_operations = {
+ .lookup      = simple_lookup,
+ .mknod      = devpts_mknod,
+};
+
+static int
devpts_fill_super(struct super_block *s, void *data, int silent)
{
@@ -141,7 +188,7 @@ devpts_fill_super(struct super_block *s,
inode->i_blocks = 0;
inode->i_uid = inode->i_gid = 0;
inode->i_mode = S_IFDIR | S_IRUGO | S_IXUGO | S_IWUSR;
- inode->i_op = &simple_dir_inode_operations;
+ inode->i_op = &devpts_dir_inode_operations;
inode->i_fop = &simple_dir_operations;
inode->i_nlink = 2;

@@ -214,7 +261,7 @@ static int devpts_get_sb(struct file_sys
static void devpts_kill_sb(struct super_block *sb)
{
sb->s_fs_info = NULL;
- kill_anon_super(sb);
+ kill_litter_super(sb);
}

static struct file_system_type devpts_fs_type = {
@@ -303,7 +350,7 @@ int devpts_pty_new(struct tty_struct *tt
if (!inode)
return -ENOMEM;

- inode->i_ino = number+2;
+ inode->i_ino = number+4;
inode->i_uid = config.setuid ? config.uid : current->fsuid;

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```
inode->i_gid = config.setgid ? config.gid : current->fsgid;
inode->i_mtime = inode->i_atime = inode->i_ctime = CURRENT_TIME;
```

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Subject: [RFC][PATCH 5/7]: Implement get\_pts\_ns() and put\_pts\_ns()

Implement get\_pts\_ns() and put\_pts\_ns() interfaces.

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include/linux/devpts\_fs.h | 21 ++++++++  
1 file changed, 20 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)

Index: 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/devpts\_fs.h

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--- 2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/include/linux/devpts_fs.h 2008-04-08 09:18:23.000000000 -0700
+++ 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/devpts_fs.h 2008-04-08 13:36:31.000000000 -0700
@@ -27,13 +27,26 @@ struct pts_namespace {
extern struct pts_namespace init_pts_ns;
```

```
#ifdef CONFIG_UNIX98_PTYS
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```

```
int devpts_new_index(void);
void devpts_kill_index(int idx);
int devpts_pty_new(struct tty_struct *tty); /* mknod in devpts */
struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(int number); /* get tty structure */
void devpts_pty_kill(int number); /* unlink */
```

```
+static inline void free_pts_ns(struct kref *ns_kref) { }
```

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+
```

```
+static inline struct pts_namespace *get_pts_ns(struct pts_namespace *ns)
```

```
+{
```

```
+ if (ns && (ns != &init_pts_ns))
```

```
+ kref_get(&ns->kref);
```

```
+ return ns;
```

```
+}
```

```
+static inline void put_pts_ns(struct pts_namespace *ns)
```

```
+{
```

```
+ if (ns && (ns != &init_pts_ns))
```

```

+ kref_put(&ns->kref, free_pts_ns);
+}
+
+else

/* Dummy stubs in the no-pty case */
@@ -43,6 +56,12 @@ static inline int devpts_pty_new(struct
static inline struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(int number) { return NULL; }
static inline void devpts_pty_kill(int number) { }

+static inline struct pts_namespace *get_pts_ns(struct pts_namespace *ns)
+{
+ return &init_pts_ns;
+}
+
+static inline void put_pts_ns(struct pts_namespace *ns) { }
#endif

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Subject: [RFC][PATCH 6/7]: Determine pts\_ns from a pty's inode.

The devpts interfaces currently operate on a specific pts namespace which they get from the 'current' task.

With implementation of containers and cloning of PTS namespaces, we want to be able to access PTYs in a child-pts-ns from a parent-pts-ns. For instance we could bind-mount and pivot-root the child container on '/vserver/vserver1' and then access the "pts/0" of 'vserver1' using

```
$ echo foo > /vserver/vserver1/dev/pts/0
```

The task doing the above 'echo' could be in parent-pts-ns. So we find the 'pts-ns' of the above file from the inode representing the device rather than from the 'current' task.

Note that we need to find and hold a reference to the pts\_ns to prevent the pts\_ns from being freed while it is being accessed from 'outside'.

This patch implements, 'pts\_ns\_from\_inode()' which returns the pts\_ns using 'inode->i\_sb->s\_fs\_info'.

Since, the 'inode' information is not visible inside devpts code itself, this patch modifies the tty driver code to determine the pts\_ns and passes it into devpts.

Changelog [v2]:

[Serge Hallyn] Use rcu to access sb->s\_fs\_info.

[Serge Hallyn] Simplify handling of ptmx and tty devices by expecting user to create them in /dev/pts (see also devpts-mknod patch)

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drivers/char/pty.c      | 13 +++++-
drivers/char/tty_io.c   | 96 ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++-----
fs/devpts/inode.c       | 19 +++-----
include/linux/devpts_fs.h | 38 ++++++++-----
4 files changed, 134 insertions(+), 32 deletions(-)
```

Index: 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/devpts\_fs.h

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--- 2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/include/linux/devpts_fs.h 2008-04-08 13:36:31.000000000 -0700
+++ 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/devpts_fs.h 2008-04-08 13:38:08.000000000 -0700
@@ -17,6 +17,7 @@
#include <linux/nsproxy.h>
#include <linux/kref.h>
#include <linux/idr.h>
+#include <linux/fs.h>

struct pts_namespace {
    struct kref kref;
@@ -26,12 +27,39 @@ struct pts_namespace {

extern struct pts_namespace init_pts_ns;

+#define DEVPTS_SUPER_MAGIC 0x1cd1
+
+static inline struct pts_namespace *current_pts_ns(void)
+{
+    return &init_pts_ns;
+}
+
+static inline struct pts_namespace *pts_ns_from_inode(struct inode *inode)
+{
```

```

+ /*
+ * If this file exists on devpts, return the pts_ns from the
+ * devpts super-block. Otherwise just use the pts-ns of the
+ * calling task.
+ */
+ if(inode->i_sb->s_magic == DEVPTS_SUPER_MAGIC)
+ return rcu_dereference(inode->i_sb->s_fs_info);
+
+ return current_pts_ns();
+}
+
+
+ #ifdef CONFIG_UNIX98_PTYS
+ int devpts_new_index(void);
+ void devpts_kill_index(int idx);
+ int devpts_pty_new(struct tty_struct *tty); /* mknod in devpts */
+ struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(int number); /* get tty structure */
+ void devpts_pty_kill(int number); /* unlink */
+ int devpts_new_index(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns);
+ void devpts_kill_index(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns, int idx);
+
+ /* mknod in devpts */
+ int devpts_pty_new(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns, struct tty_struct *tty);
+
+ /* get tty structure */
+ struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns, int number);
+
+ /* unlink */
+ void devpts_pty_kill(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns, int number);

static inline void free_pts_ns(struct kref *ns_kref) { }

```

Index: 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/drivers/char/tty\_io.c

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--- 2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/drivers/char/tty_io.c 2008-04-08 09:15:56.000000000 -0700
+++ 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/drivers/char/tty_io.c 2008-04-08 14:25:11.000000000 -0700
@@ -2064,8 +2064,8 @@ static void tty_line_name(struct tty_dri
 * relaxed for the (most common) case of reopening a tty.
 */

-static int init_dev(struct tty_driver *driver, int idx,
- struct tty_struct **ret_tty)
+static int init_dev(struct tty_driver *driver, struct pts_namespace *pts_ns,
+ int idx, struct tty_struct **ret_tty)
{
    struct tty_struct *tty, *o_tty;
    struct ktermios *tp, **tp_loc, *o_tp, **o_tp_loc;
@@ -2074,7 +2074,11 @@ static int init_dev(struct tty_driver *d

```

```

/* check whether we're reopening an existing tty */
if (driver->flags & TTY_DRIVER_DEVPTS_MEM) {
- tty = devpts_get_tty(idx);
+ tty = devpts_get_tty(pts_ns, idx);
+ if (IS_ERR(tty)) {
+   retval = PTR_ERR(tty);
+   goto end_init;
+ }
/*
 * If we don't have a tty here on a slave open, it's because
 * the master already started the close process and there's
@@ -2361,6 +2365,21 @@ static void release_tty(struct tty_struct
}

/*
+ * If the inode belongs to a device in devpts fs, return the pts-namespace
+ * associated with the device. Return NULL otherwise.
+ */
+struct pts_namespace *pty_pts_ns(struct tty_driver *driver, struct inode *inode)
+{
+ struct pts_namespace *pts_ns;
+
+ pts_ns = NULL;
+ if (driver->flags & TTY_DRIVER_DEVPTS_MEM)
+   pts_ns = pts_ns_from_inode(inode);
+
+ return pts_ns;
+}
+
+/*
 * Even releasing the tty structures is a tricky business.. We have
 * to be very careful that the structures are all released at the
 * same time, as interrupts might otherwise get the wrong pointers.
@@ -2376,10 +2395,12 @@ static void release_dev(struct file *fil
int idx;
char buf[64];
unsigned long flags;
+ struct pts_namespace *pts_ns;
+ struct inode *inode;

+ inode = filp->f_path.dentry->d_inode;
+ tty = (struct tty_struct *)filp->private_data;
- if (tty_paranoia_check(tty, filp->f_path.dentry->d_inode,
-   "release_dev"))
+ if (tty_paranoia_check(tty, inode, "release_dev"))
  return;

```

```

    check_tty_count(tty, "release_dev");
@@ -2392,6 +2413,12 @@ static void release_dev(struct file *fil
    devpts = (tty->driver->flags & TTY_DRIVER_DEVPTS_MEM) != 0;
    o_tty = tty->link;

+ /*
+  * We already have a reference to pts_ns here, so it cannot
+  * be going away.
+  */
+ pts_ns = pty_pts_ns(tty->driver, inode);
+
#ifdef TTY_PARANOIA_CHECK
    if (idx < 0 || idx >= tty->driver->num) {
        printk(KERN_DEBUG "release_dev: bad idx when trying to "
@@ -2569,6 +2596,10 @@ static void release_dev(struct file *fil

    mutex_unlock(&tty_mutex);

+ /* drop the reference from ptmx_open/tty_open() */
+ if (devpts)
+     put_pts_ns(pts_ns);
+
    /* check whether both sides are closing ... */
    if (!tty_closing || (o_tty && !o_tty_closing))
        return;
@@ -2634,7 +2665,7 @@ static void release_dev(struct file *fil

    /* Make this pty number available for reallocation */
    if (devpts)
-     devpts_kill_index(idx);
+     devpts_kill_index(pts_ns, idx);
    }

/**
@@ -2666,6 +2697,7 @@ static int tty_open(struct inode *inode,
    int index;
    dev_t device = inode->i_rdev;
    unsigned short saved_flags = filp->f_flags;
+ struct pts_namespace *pts_ns;

    nonseekable_open(inode, filp);

@@ -2715,10 +2747,31 @@ retry_open:
    return -ENODEV;
    }
got_driver:
- retval = init_dev(driver, index, &tty);
+

```

```

+ /*
+  * If this is a pty device, we maybe accessing this device from
+  * an ancestor pts-namespace. Find the pts-namespace from the
+  * device's inode and grab a reference.
+  *
+  * If pts-namespace is NULL then:
+  * - either this is not a PTY device or
+  * - this open is from an ancestor-pts-ns and the pts-ns has
+  *   just been freed.
+  *
+  * If the pts-namespace is NULL for a PTY device (i.e pts-ns has
+  * been freed), init_dev() will fail the open()).
+  */
+ rcu_read_lock();
+ pts_ns = pty_pts_ns(driver, inode);
+ get_pts_ns(pts_ns);
+ rcu_read_unlock();
+
+ retval = init_dev(driver, pts_ns, index, &tty);
+ mutex_unlock(&tty_mutex);
- if (retval)
+ if (retval) {
+ put_pts_ns(pts_ns);
+ return retval;
+ }

    filp->private_data = tty;
    file_move(filp, &tty->tty_files);
@@ -2790,16 +2843,31 @@ static int ptmx_open(struct inode *inode
    struct tty_struct *tty;
    int retval;
    int index;
+ struct pts_namespace *pts_ns;

    nonseekable_open(inode, filp);

+ /*
+  * We maybe accessing this device from an ancestor pts-namespace.
+  * Find the pts-namespace from the device's inode and grab a
+  * reference.
+  *
+  * If pts-namespace is NULL, this open is from an ancestor-pts-ns
+  * and the pts-ns has just been freed and devpts_new_index()
+  * below will fail the open().
+  */
+ rcu_read_lock();
+ pts_ns = pts_ns_from_inode(inode);
+ get_pts_ns(pts_ns);

```



```

+ rcu_read_unlock();
+
/* find a device that is not in use. */
- index = devpts_new_index();
+ retval = index = devpts_new_index(pts_ns);
  if (index < 0)
- return index;
+ goto drop_ns;

  mutex_lock(&tty_mutex);
- retval = init_dev(ptm_driver, index, &tty);
+ retval = init_dev(ptm_driver, pts_ns, index, &tty);
  mutex_unlock(&tty_mutex);

  if (retval)
@@ -2809,7 +2877,7 @@ static int ptmx_open(struct inode *inode
  filp->private_data = tty;
  file_move(filp, &tty->tty_files);

- retval = devpts_pty_new(tty->link);
+ retval = devpts_pty_new(pts_ns, tty->link);
  if (retval)
    goto out1;

@@ -2821,7 +2889,9 @@ out1:
  release_dev(filp);
  return retval;
out:
- devpts_kill_index(index);
+ devpts_kill_index(pts_ns, index);
+drop_ns:
+ put_pts_ns(pts_ns);
  return retval;
}
#endif

```

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--- 2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/fs/devpts/inode.c 2008-04-08 13:35:43.000000000 -0700
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```
+++ 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/fs/devpts/inode.c 2008-04-08 13:38:08.000000000 -0700
```

```
@@ -23,8 +23,6 @@
```

```
#include <linux/fsnotify.h>
```

```
#include <linux/seq_file.h>
```

```

-#define DEVPTS_SUPER_MAGIC 0x1cd1
-

```

```
#define DEVPTS_DEFAULT_MODE 0600
```

```
extern int pty_limit; /* Config limit on Unix98 ptys */
```

```

@@ -283,11 +281,10 @@ static struct dentry *get_node(struct de
    return lookup_one_len(s, root, sprintf(s, "%d", num));
}

-int devpts_new_index(void)
+int devpts_new_index(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns)
{
    int index;
    int idr_ret;
- struct pts_namespace *pts_ns = &init_pts_ns;

    retry:
    if (!idr_pre_get(&pts_ns->allocated_ptys, GFP_KERNEL)) {
@@ -312,16 +309,15 @@ retry:
    return index;
}

-void devpts_kill_index(int idx)
+void devpts_kill_index(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns, int idx)
{
- struct pts_namespace *pts_ns = &init_pts_ns;

    down(&allocated_ptys_lock);
    idr_remove(&pts_ns->allocated_ptys, idx);
    up(&allocated_ptys_lock);
}

-int devpts_ptty_new(struct tty_struct *tty)
+int devpts_ptty_new(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns, struct tty_struct *tty)
{
    int number = tty->index; /* tty layer puts index from devpts_new_index() in here */
    struct tty_driver *driver = tty->driver;
@@ -330,7 +326,6 @@ int devpts_ptty_new(struct tty_struct *tt
    struct dentry *root;
    struct vfsmount *mnt;
    struct inode *inode;
- struct pts_namespace *pts_ns = &init_pts_ns;

    /* We're supposed to be given the slave end of a pty */
    BUG_ON(driver->type != TTY_DRIVER_TYPE_PTY);
@@ -369,13 +364,12 @@ int devpts_ptty_new(struct tty_struct *tt
    return 0;
}

-struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(int number)
+struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns, int number)
{
    struct vfsmount *mnt;

```

```

struct dentry *dentry;
struct tty_struct *tty;

- mnt = init_pts_ns.mnt;
+ mnt = pts_ns->mnt;

dentry = get_node(mnt->mnt_root, number);

@@ -391,12 +386,12 @@ struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(int nu
return tty;
}

-void devpts_pty_kill(int number)
+void devpts_pty_kill(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns, int number)
{
struct dentry *dentry;
struct dentry *root;

- root = init_pts_ns.mnt->mnt_root;
+ root = pts_ns->mnt->mnt_root;

dentry = get_node(root, number);

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Index: 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/drivers/char/pty.c

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--- 2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/drivers/char/pty.c 2008-04-08 09:12:54.000000000 -0700
+++ 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/drivers/char/pty.c 2008-04-08 13:37:16.000000000 -0700
@@ -37,6 +37,9 @@ static struct tty_driver *pts_driver;

```

```

static void pty_close(struct tty_struct * tty, struct file * filp)
{
+ struct inode *inode;
+ struct pts_namespace *pts_ns;
+
if (!tty)
return;
if (tty->driver->subtype == PTY_TYPE_MASTER) {
@@ -58,8 +61,14 @@ static void pty_close(struct tty_struct
if (tty->driver->subtype == PTY_TYPE_MASTER) {
set_bit(TTY_OTHER_CLOSED, &tty->flags);
#ifdef CONFIG_UNIX98_PTYS
- if (tty->driver == ptm_driver)
- devpts_pty_kill(tty->index);
+ if (tty->driver == ptm_driver) {
+ inode = filp->f_path.dentry->d_inode;
+ rcu_read_lock();
+ pts_ns = pts_ns_from_inode(inode);
+ rcu_read_unlock();

```

```

+
+ devpts_pty_kill(pts_ns, tty->index);
+ }
#endif
tty_vhangup(tty->link);
}

```

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Subject: [RFC][PATCH 7/7]: Enable cloning PTY namespaces

Enable cloning PTY namespaces.

Note:

We are out of clone\_flags! This patch depends on Cedric Le Goater's clone64() patchset.

Changelog[v2]:

[Serge Hallyn]: Use rcu to access sb->s\_fs\_info.

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fs/devpts/inode.c      | 84 ++++++
include/linux/devpts_fs.h | 22 ++++++
include/linux/init_task.h | 1
include/linux/nsproxy.h | 2 +
include/linux/sched.h   | 1
kernel/fork.c           | 2 -
kernel/nsproxy.c        | 17 ++++++
7 files changed, 122 insertions(+), 7 deletions(-)

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Index: 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/sched.h

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--- 2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/include/linux/sched.h 2008-04-08 13:38:08.000000000 -0700
+++ 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/sched.h 2008-04-08 14:27:41.000000000 -0700
@@ -28,6 +28,7 @@
#define CLONE_NEWPID 0x20000000 /* New pid namespace */

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#define CLONE_NEWNET 0x40000000 /* New network namespace */
#define CLONE_IO 0x80000000 /* Clone io context */
+#define CLONE_NEWPTS 0x0000000200000000ULL /* Clone pts ns */
```

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/*
 * Scheduling policies
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@@ -8,6 +8,7 @@ struct mnt_namespace;
struct uts_namespace;
struct ipc_namespace;
struct pid_namespace;
+struct pts_namespace;
```

```
/*
 * A structure to contain pointers to all per-process
@@ -29,6 +30,7 @@ struct nsproxy {
    struct pid_namespace *pid_ns;
    struct user_namespace *user_ns;
    struct net *net_ns;
+ struct pts_namespace *pts_ns;
};
extern struct nsproxy init_nsproxy;
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+++ 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/init_task.h 2008-04-08 14:27:41.000000000 -0700
@@ -78,6 +78,7 @@ extern struct nsproxy init_nsproxy;
    .mnt_ns = NULL, \
    INIT_NET_NS(net_ns) \
    INIT_IPC_NS(ipc_ns) \
+ .pts_ns = &init_pts_ns, \
    .user_ns = &init_user_ns, \
}
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+++ 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/devpts_fs.h 2008-04-08 14:27:41.000000000 -0700
@@ -31,7 +31,7 @@ extern struct pts_namespace init_pts_ns;

static inline struct pts_namespace *current_pts_ns(void)
{
- return &init_pts_ns;
+ return current->nsproxy->pts_ns;
}
```

```

}

static inline struct pts_namespace *pts_ns_from_inode(struct inode *inode)
@@ -61,7 +61,8 @@ struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(struct
/* unlink */
void devpts_pty_kill(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns, int number);

-static inline void free_pts_ns(struct kref *ns_kref) { }
+extern struct pts_namespace *new_pts_ns(void);
+extern void free_pts_ns(struct kref *kref);

static inline struct pts_namespace *get_pts_ns(struct pts_namespace *ns)
{
@@ -75,6 +76,15 @@ static inline void put_pts_ns(struct pts
    kref_put(&ns->kref, free_pts_ns);
}

+static inline struct pts_namespace *copy_pts_ns(u64 flags,
+        struct pts_namespace *old_ns)
+{
+    if (flags & CLONE_NEWPTS)
+        return new_pts_ns();
+    else
+        return get_pts_ns(old_ns);
+}
+
+
+/* Dummy stubs in the no-pty case */
@@ -90,6 +100,14 @@ static inline struct pts_namespace *get_
}

static inline void put_pts_ns(struct pts_namespace *ns) { }
+
+static inline struct pts_namespace *copy_pts_ns(u64 flags,
+        struct pts_namespace *old_ns)
+{
+    if (flags & CLONE_NEWPTS)
+        return ERR_PTR(-EINVAL);
+    return old_ns;
+}
+
+
#endif

```

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+++ 2.6.25-rc8-mm1/fs/devpts/inode.c 2008-04-08 14:33:04.000000000 -0700

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@@ -27,6 +27,7 @@

```
extern int pty_limit; /* Config limit on Unix98 ptys */
static DECLARE_MUTEX(allocated_ptys_lock);
+static struct file_system_type devpts_fs_type;

static struct {
    int setuid;
@@ -119,6 +120,57 @@ static const struct super_operations dev
    .show_options = devpts_show_options,
};

+struct pts_namespace *new_pts_ns(void)
+{
+ struct pts_namespace *ns;
+
+ ns = kmalloc(sizeof(*ns), GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (!ns)
+ return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
+
+ kref_init(&ns->kref);
+
+ ns->mnt = kern_mount_data(&devpts_fs_type, ns);
+ if (IS_ERR(ns->mnt)) {
+ kfree(ns);
+ return ERR_PTR(PTR_ERR(ns->mnt));
+ }
+
+ idr_init(&ns->allocated_ptys);
+
+ printk(KERN_NOTICE "Created pts-ns 0x%p\n", ns);
+
+ return ns;
+}
+
+void free_pts_ns(struct kref *ns_kref)
+{
+ struct pts_namespace *ns;
+
+ ns = container_of(ns_kref, struct pts_namespace, kref);
+
+ /*
+ * Clear s_fs_info here rather than in ->kill_sb(), since the pts_ns
+ * is invalid real soon now, but the ->kill_sb() will not happen
+ * until the last mntput(). And if some one is accessing this
+ * devpts mount from an ancestor pts ns, we may not be holding
+ * the last reference to this mnt.
+ */
+ }
```

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+ * After clearing the pts_ns is NULL here, any acceses from parent
+ * will fail.
+ */
+ rcu_assign_pointer(ns->mnt->mnt_sb->s_fs_info, NULL);
+ mntput(ns->mnt);
+
+ /*
+ * TODO:
+ *   idr_remove_all(&ns->allocated_ptys); introduced in 2.6.23
+ */
+ idr_destroy(&ns->allocated_ptys);
+ kfree(ns);
+
+ printk(KERN_NOTICE "Freed pts-ns 0x%p\n", ns);
+}

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```

static int devpts_mknod(struct inode *dir, struct dentry *dentry,
    int mode, dev_t rdev)
@@ -217,7 +269,16 @@ static int devpts_test_sb(struct super_b

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static int devpts_set_sb(struct super_block *sb, void *data)
{
- sb->s_fs_info = data;
+ /*
+ * new_pts_ns() mounts the pts namespace and free_pts_ns()
+ * drops the reference to the mount. i.e the s_fs_info is
+ * cleared and vfsmnt is released _before_ pts_namespace
+ * is freed.
+ *
+ * So we don't need a reference to the pts_namespace here
+ * (Getting a reference here will also cause circular reference).
+ */
+ rcu_assign_pointer(sb->s_fs_info, data);
+ return set_anon_super(sb, NULL);
}

```

```

@@ -232,7 +293,7 @@ static int devpts_get_sb(struct file_sys
    if (flags & MS_KERNMOUNT)
        ns = data;
    else
- ns = &init_pts_ns;
+ ns = current_pts_ns();

```

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/* hereafter we're very similar to get_sb_nodev */
sb = sget(fs_type, devpts_test_sb, devpts_set_sb, ns);
@@ -286,6 +347,13 @@ int devpts_new_index(struct pts_namespac
    int index;
    int idr_ret;

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+ /*
+  * If pts_ns is NULL, this must be an access from an ancestor-pts-ns
+  * which happened just as this pts-ns was freed. Fail the access
+  * from parent-pts-ns.
+  */
+ if (!pts_ns)
+ return -EAGAIN;
retry:
if (!idr_pre_get(&pts_ns->allocated_ptys, GFP_KERNEL)) {
return -ENOMEM;
@@ -311,6 +379,7 @@ retry:

void devpts_kill_index(struct pts_namespace *pts_ns, int idx)
{
+ BUG_ON(pts_ns == NULL);

down(&allocated_ptys_lock);
idr_remove(&pts_ns->allocated_ptys, idx);
@@ -330,6 +399,7 @@ int devpts_pty_new( struct pts_namespace
/* We're supposed to be given the slave end of a pty */
BUG_ON(driver->type != TTY_DRIVER_TYPE_PTY);
BUG_ON(driver->subtype != PTY_TYPE_SLAVE);
+ BUG_ON(pts_ns == NULL);

mnt = pts_ns->mnt;
root = mnt->mnt_root;
@@ -370,6 +440,14 @@ struct tty_struct *devpts_get_tty(struct
struct dentry *dentry;
struct tty_struct *tty;

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+  * If pts_ns is NULL, this must be an access from an ancestor-pts-ns
+  * which happened just as this pts-ns was freed. Fail the access
+  * from parent-pts-ns.
+  */
+ if (!pts_ns)
+ return ERR_PTR(-EAGAIN);
+
mnt = pts_ns->mnt;

dentry = get_node(mnt->mnt_root, number);
@@ -391,6 +469,8 @@ void devpts_pty_kill(struct pts_namespac
struct dentry *dentry;
struct dentry *root;

+ BUG_ON(pts_ns == NULL);
+

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root = pts_ns->mnt->mnt_root;

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@@ -1714,7 +1714,7 @@ static long do_unshare(u64 unshare_flags
    if (unshare_flags & ~(CLONE_THREAD|CLONE_FS|CLONE_NEWNS|CLONE_SIGHAND|
        CLONE_VM|CLONE_FILES|CLONE_SYSVSEM|
        CLONE_NEWUTS|CLONE_NEWIPC|CLONE_NEWUSER|
-   CLONE_NEWNET))
+   CLONE_NEWNET|CLONE_NEWPTS))
    goto bad_unshare_out;

    if ((err = unshare_thread(unshare_flags)))
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@@ -21,6 +21,7 @@
#include <linux/utsname.h>
#include <linux/pid_namespace.h>
#include <net/net_namespace.h>
+#include <linux/devpts_fs.h>
#include <linux/ipc_namespace.h>

static struct kmem_cache *nsproxy_cache;
@@ -93,8 +94,17 @@ static struct nsproxy *create_new_namesp
    goto out_net;
}

+ new_nsp->pts_ns = copy_pts_ns(flags, tsk->nsproxy->pts_ns);
+ if (IS_ERR(new_nsp->pts_ns)) {
+   err = PTR_ERR(new_nsp->pts_ns);
+   goto out_pts;
+ }
+
    return new_nsp;

+out_pts:
+ if (new_nsp->net_ns)
+   put_net(new_nsp->net_ns);
out_net:
    if (new_nsp->user_ns)
        put_user_ns(new_nsp->user_ns);
@@ -131,7 +141,8 @@ int copy_namespaces(u64 flags, struct ta
    get_nsproxy(old_ns);

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    if (!(flags & (CLONE_NEWNS | CLONE_NEWUTS | CLONE_NEWIPC |
-   CLONE_NEWUSER | CLONE_NEWPID | CLONE_NEWNET)))
+   CLONE_NEWUSER | CLONE_NEWPID | CLONE_NEWNET |
+   CLONE_NEWPTS)))
        return 0;

    if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
@@ -170,6 +181,8 @@ void free_nsproxy(struct nsproxy *ns)
    put_pid_ns(ns->pid_ns);
    if (ns->user_ns)
        put_user_ns(ns->user_ns);
+ if (ns->pts_ns)
+ put_pts_ns(ns->pts_ns);
    put_net(ns->net_ns);
    kmem_cache_free(nsproxy_cachep, ns);
    }
@@ -184,7 +197,7 @@ int unshare_nsproxy_namespaces(u64 unsha
    int err = 0;

    if (!(unshare_flags & (CLONE_NEWNS | CLONE_NEWUTS | CLONE_NEWIPC |
-   CLONE_NEWUSER | CLONE_NEWNET)))
+   CLONE_NEWUSER | CLONE_NEWNET | CLONE_NEWPTS)))
        return 0;

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Posted by [Sukadev Bhattiprolu](#) on Wed, 09 Apr 2008 16:23:53 GMT

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That would make sense to me. Also see Eric's note about uevent,  
however; and there are probably other issues like it.

-hpa

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Sounds like we're all agreed on this and just doing  
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Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Thu, 10 Apr 2008 07:36:20 GMT  
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Posted by [serue](#) on Thu, 10 Apr 2008 16:44:36 GMT

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Posted by [Sukadev Bhattiprolu](#) on Thu, 10 Apr 2008 20:58:00 GMT  
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BTW, can we push the following 3 helper patches in the set. I believe  
they will be required to support multiple pts namespaces, even if  
the actual way we do it is not final yet.

[PATCH 1/7]: Propagate error code from devpts\_pty\_new  
[PATCH 2/7]: Factor out PTY index allocation  
[PATCH 3/7]: Enable multiple mounts of /dev/pts

Sukadev

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Posted by [serue](#) on Tue, 22 Apr 2008 14:25:39 GMT

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> > under /sys/class (/sys/class/tty, /sys/class/usb\_device, etc) doesn't  
> > seem like necessarily the nicest way to go...  
>  
> True. And the goal is something maintainable. There are still a lot  
> of implications of a device namespace left unexamined so we shall see.  
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> Eric

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