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Posted by [dev](#) on Mon, 10 Jul 2006 09:05:35 GMT
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Posted by [Andrew Morton](#) on Mon, 10 Jul 2006 10:05:26 GMT
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On Mon, 10 Jul 2006 13:05:35 +0400
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Posted by [Alexey Kuznetsov](#) on Mon, 10 Jul 2006 10:16:14 GMT

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Yes. I still see leakage of another objects, most likely fdtables.
Probably, it is an internal bleeding of openvz or it was already fixed
in mainstream. I still do not know.

Alexey

Subject: Re: [PATCH] struct file leakage

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Mon, 10 Jul 2006 11:56:07 GMT

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Or something the intent or the filp holds a reference to?

Looks like this has been broken since 834f2a4a1554dc5b2598038b3fe8703defcbe467 about 9 months ago.

The patch looks sane.

Trond did you just miss this case?

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Posted by [Trond Myklebust](#) on Tue, 11 Jul 2006 12:04:06 GMT

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On Mon, 2006-07-10 at 03:05 -0700, Andrew Morton wrote:

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Posted by [Andrew Morton](#) on Tue, 11 Jul 2006 23:30:08 GMT

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Posted by [Trond Myklebust](#) on Wed, 12 Jul 2006 00:26:02 GMT

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We do need the call to `release_open_intent()`, since otherwise we will leak a struct file. The question is whether we can optimise away the `IS_ERR()` test. In my opinion, we can.

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No. `do_follow_link()` should release the path for us on error. Replacing with a `goto exit` would therefore be a mistake.

Cheers,
Trond