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Subject: users: targeted capabilities v5

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Here is a repost of my previous user namespace patch, ported onto last night's git head.

It fixes several things I was doing wrong in the last (v4) posting, in particular:

1. don't set uts\_ns->user\_ns to current's when !CLONE\_NEWUTS
2. add a ipc\_ns->user\_ns which owns ipc\_ns, and use that to decide CAP\_IPC\_OWNER
3. fix logic flaw caused by bad parantheses
4. allow do\_prlimit to current
5. don't always give root full privs to init\_user\_ns

The expected course of development for user namespaces is laid out at <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/UserNamespace>. Bugs aside, this patchset is supposed to not at all affect systems which are not actively using user namespaces, and only restrict what tasks in child user namespace can do. They begin to limit privilege to a user namespace, so that root in a container cannot kill or ptrace tasks in the parent user namespace, and can only get world access rights to files. Since all files currently belong to the initila user namespace, that means that child user namespaces can only get world access rights to \*all\* files. While this temporarily makes user namespaces bad for system containers, it starts to get useful for some sandboxing.

I've run the 'runlplite.sh' with and without this patchset and found no difference. So all in all, this is the first version of this patchset for which I feel comfortable asking: please consider applying.

thanks,  
-serge

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Subject: [PATCH 1/9] Add a user\_namespace as creator/owner of uts\_namespace

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copy\_process() handles CLONE\_NEWUSER before the rest of the

namespaces. So in the case of clone(CLONE\_NEWUSER|CLONE\_NEWUTS) the new uts namespace will have the new user namespace as its owner. That is what we want, since we want root in that new usersns to be able to have privilege over it.

Changelog:

Feb 15: don't set uts\_ns->user\_ns if we didn't create a new uts\_ns.

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```
include/linux/utsname.h | 3 +++
init/version.c          | 2 ++
kernel/nsproxy.c        | 5 +++++
kernel/user.c           | 8 ++++++--
kernel/utsname.c        | 4 ++++
5 files changed, 20 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)
```

diff --git a/include/linux/utsname.h b/include/linux/utsname.h

index 69f3997..85171be 100644

--- a/include/linux/utsname.h

+++ b/include/linux/utsname.h

```
@@ -37,9 +37,12 @@ struct new_utsname {
#include <linux/nsproxy.h>
#include <linux/err.h>
```

```
+struct user_namespace;
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+
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```
struct uts_namespace {
    struct kref kref;
    struct new_utsname name;
+ struct user_namespace *user_ns;
};
extern struct uts_namespace init_uts_ns;
```

diff --git a/init/version.c b/init/version.c

index adff586..97bb86f 100644

--- a/init/version.c

+++ b/init/version.c

```
@@ -21,6 +21,7 @@ extern int version_string(LINUX_VERSION_CODE);
int version_string(LINUX_VERSION_CODE);
#endif
```

```
+extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
```

```
struct uts_namespace init_uts_ns = {
    .kref = {
        .refcount = ATOMIC_INIT(2),
@@ -33,6 +34,7 @@ struct uts_namespace init_uts_ns = {
```

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.machine = UTS_MACHINE,
.domainname = UTS_DOMAINNAME,
},
+ .user_ns = &init_user_ns,
};
EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(init_uts_ns);

```

```

diff --git a/kernel/nsproxy.c b/kernel/nsproxy.c
index f74e6c0..034dc2e 100644

```

```

--- a/kernel/nsproxy.c
+++ b/kernel/nsproxy.c
@@ -74,6 +74,11 @@ static struct nsproxy *create_new_namespaces(unsigned long flags,
    err = PTR_ERR(new_nsp->uts_ns);
    goto out_uts;
}
+ if (new_nsp->uts_ns != tsk->nsproxy->uts_ns) {
+ put_user_ns(new_nsp->uts_ns->user_ns);
+ new_nsp->uts_ns->user_ns = task_cred_xxx(tsk, user)->user_ns;
+ get_user_ns(new_nsp->uts_ns->user_ns);
+ }

```

```

    new_nsp->ipc_ns = copy_ipcs(flags, tsk->nsproxy->ipc_ns);
    if (IS_ERR(new_nsp->ipc_ns)) {

```

```

diff --git a/kernel/user.c b/kernel/user.c
index 5c598ca..9e03e9c 100644

```

```

--- a/kernel/user.c
+++ b/kernel/user.c
@@ -17,9 +17,13 @@
#include <linux/module.h>
#include <linux/user_namespace.h>

```

```

+/*
+ * users count is 1 for root user, 1 for init_uts_ns,
+ * and 1 for... ?
+ */

```

```

struct user_namespace init_user_ns = {
    .kref = {
- .refcount = ATOMIC_INIT(2),
+ .refcount = ATOMIC_INIT(3),
    },
    .creator = &root_user,
};

```

```

@@ -47,7 +51,7 @@ static struct kmem_cache *uid_cache;
*/
static DEFINE_SPINLOCK(uidhash_lock);

```

```

-/* root_user.__count is 2, 1 for init task cred, 1 for init_user_ns->creator */
+/* root_user.__count is 2, 1 for init task cred, 1 for init_user_ns->user_ns */

```

```

struct user_struct root_user = {
    .__count = ATOMIC_INIT(2),
    .processes = ATOMIC_INIT(1),
diff --git a/kernel/utsname.c b/kernel/utsname.c
index 8a82b4b..a7b3a8d 100644
--- a/kernel/utsname.c
+++ b/kernel/utsname.c
@@ -14,6 +14,7 @@
#include <linux/utsname.h>
#include <linux/err.h>
#include <linux/slab.h>
+#include <linux/user_namespace.h>

static struct uts_namespace *create_uts_ns(void)
{
@@ -40,6 +41,8 @@ static struct uts_namespace *clone_uts_ns(struct uts_namespace *old_ns)

    down_read(&uts_sem);
    memcpy(&ns->name, &old_ns->name, sizeof(ns->name));
+ ns->user_ns = old_ns->user_ns;
+ get_user_ns(ns->user_ns);
    up_read(&uts_sem);
    return ns;
}
@@ -71,5 +74,6 @@ void free_uts_ns(struct kref *kref)
    struct uts_namespace *ns;

    ns = container_of(kref, struct uts_namespace, kref);
+ put_user_ns(ns->user_ns);
    kfree(ns);
}
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**Subject: [PATCH 2/9] security: Make capabilities relative to the user namespace.**  
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- Introduce ns\_capable to test for a capability in a non-default user namespace.
- Teach cap\_capable to handle capabilities in a non-default user namespace.

The motivation is to get to the unprivileged creation of new namespaces. It looks like this gets us 90% of the way there, with only potential uid confusion issues left.

I still need to handle getting all caps after creation but otherwise I think I have a good starter patch that achieves all of your goals.

Changelog:

- 11/05/2010: [serge] add apparmor
- 12/14/2010: [serge] fix capabilities to created user namespaces  
Without this, if user serge creates a user\_ns, he won't have capabilities to the user\_ns he created. This is because we were first checking whether his effective caps had the caps he needed and returning -EPERM if not, and THEN checking whether he was the creator. Reverse those checks.
- 12/16/2010: [serge] security\_real\_capable needs ns argument in !security case
- 01/11/2011: [serge] add task\_ns\_capable helper
- 01/11/2011: [serge] add nsown\_capable() helper per Bastian Blank suggestion
- 02/16/2011: [serge] fix a logic bug: the root user is always creator of init\_user\_ns, but should not always have capabilities to it! Fix the check in cap\_capable().

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```
include/linux/capability.h | 10 ++++++---
include/linux/security.h   | 25 ++++++-----
kernel/capability.c       | 32 ++++++-----
security/apparmor/lsm.c   |  5 +++--
security/commoncap.c      | 40 ++++++-----
security/security.c       | 16 ++++++-----
security/selinux/hooks.c  | 14 ++++++-----
7 files changed, 107 insertions(+), 35 deletions(-)
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/capability.h b/include/linux/capability.h
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```
index fb16a36..cb3d2d9 100644
```

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

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

```
@@ -544,7 +544,7 @@ extern const kernel_cap_t __cap_init_eff_set;
```

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*
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```
* Note that this does not set PF_SUPERPRIV on the task.
```

```
*/
```

```
+#define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), (cap)) == 0)
```

```
+#define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)
```

```
/**
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```
* has_capability_noaudit - Determine if a task has a superior capability available (unaudited)
```

```

@@ -558,9 +558,15 @@ extern const kernel_cap_t __cap_init_eff_set;
 * Note that this does not set PF_SUPERPRIV on the task.
 */
#define has_capability_noaudit(t, cap) \
- (security_real_capable_noaudit((t), (cap)) == 0)
+ (security_real_capable_noaudit((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)

+struct user_namespace;
+extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
extern int capable(int cap);
+extern int ns_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, int cap);
+extern int task_ns_capable(struct task_struct *t, int cap);
+
+#define nsown_capable(cap) (ns_capable(current_user_ns(), (cap)))

/* audit system wants to get cap info from files as well */
struct dentry;
diff --git a/include/linux/security.h b/include/linux/security.h
index b2b7f97..6bbee08 100644
--- a/include/linux/security.h
+++ b/include/linux/security.h
@@ -46,13 +46,14 @@

struct ctl_table;
struct audit_krule;
+struct user_namespace;

/*
 * These functions are in security/capability.c and are used
 * as the default capabilities functions
 */
extern int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
- int cap, int audit);
+ struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit);
extern int cap_settime(struct timespec *ts, struct timezone *tz);
extern int cap_ptrace_access_check(struct task_struct *child, unsigned int mode);
extern int cap_ptrace_traceme(struct task_struct *parent);
@@ -1254,6 +1255,7 @@ static inline void security_free_mnt_opts(struct security_mnt_opts
*opts)
 * credentials.
 * @tsk contains the task_struct for the process.
 * @cred contains the credentials to use.
+ * @ns contains the user namespace we want the capability in
 * @cap contains the capability <include/linux/capability.h>.
 * @audit: Whether to write an audit message or not
 * Return 0 if the capability is granted for @tsk.
@@ -1382,7 +1384,7 @@ struct security_operations {
const kernel_cap_t *inheritable,

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    const kernel_cap_t *permitted);
int (*capable) (struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
- int cap, int audit);
+ struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit);
int (*sysctl) (struct ctl_table *table, int op);
int (*quotactl) (int cmds, int type, int id, struct super_block *sb);
int (*quota_on) (struct dentry *dentry);
@@ -1662,9 +1664,9 @@ int security_capset(struct cred *new, const struct cred *old,
    const kernel_cap_t *effective,
    const kernel_cap_t *inheritable,
    const kernel_cap_t *permitted);
-int security_capable(const struct cred *cred, int cap);
-int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap);
-int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap);
+int security_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, const struct cred *cred, int cap);
+int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int cap);
+int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int cap);
int security_sysctl(struct ctl_table *table, int op);
int security_quotactl(int cmds, int type, int id, struct super_block *sb);
int security_quota_on(struct dentry *dentry);
@@ -1856,28 +1858,29 @@ static inline int security_capset(struct cred *new,
    return cap_capset(new, old, effective, inheritable, permitted);
}

-static inline int security_capable(const struct cred *cred, int cap)
+static inline int security_capable(struct user_namespace *ns,
+    const struct cred *cred, int cap)
{
- return cap_capable(current, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
+ return cap_capable(current, cred, ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
}

-static inline int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
+static inline int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)
{
    int ret;

    rcu_read_lock();
- ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
+ ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
    rcu_read_unlock();
    return ret;
}

static inline
-int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
+int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)
{

```

```

int ret;

rcu_read_lock();
- ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), cap,
+ ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), ns, cap,
    SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
rcu_read_unlock();
return ret;
diff --git a/kernel/capability.c b/kernel/capability.c
index 9e9385f..916658c 100644
--- a/kernel/capability.c
+++ b/kernel/capability.c
@@ -14,6 +14,7 @@
#include <linux/security.h>
#include <linux/syscalls.h>
#include <linux/pid_namespace.h>
+#include <linux/user_namespace.h>
#include <asm/uaccess.h>

/*
@@ -301,15 +302,42 @@ error:
 */
int capable(int cap)
{
+ return ns_capable(&init_user_ns, cap);
+}
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(capable);
+
+/**
+ * ns_capable - Determine if the current task has a superior capability in effect
+ * @ns: The usernamespace we want the capability in
+ * @cap: The capability to be tested for
+ *
+ * Return true if the current task has the given superior capability currently
+ * available for use, false if not.
+ *
+ * This sets PF_SUPERPRIV on the task if the capability is available on the
+ * assumption that it's about to be used.
+ */
+int ns_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)
+{
    if (unlikely(!cap_valid(cap))) {
        printk(KERN_CRIT "capable() called with invalid cap=%u\n", cap);
        BUG();
    }

- if (security_capable(current_cred(), cap) == 0) {
+ if (security_capable(ns, current_cred(), cap) == 0) {

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    current->flags |= PF_SUPERPRIV;
    return 1;
}
return 0;
}
-EXPORT_SYMBOL(capable);
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(ns_capable);
+
+/*
+ * does current have capability 'cap' to the user namespace of task
+ * 't'. Return true if it does, false otherwise.
+ */
+int task_ns_capable(struct task_struct *t, int cap)
+{
+ return ns_capable(task_cred_xxx(t, user)->user_ns, cap);
+}
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(task_ns_capable);
diff --git a/security/apparmor/lsm.c b/security/apparmor/lsm.c
index b7106f1..b37c2cd 100644
--- a/security/apparmor/lsm.c
+++ b/security/apparmor/lsm.c
@@ -22,6 +22,7 @@
#include <linux/ctype.h>
#include <linux/sysctl.h>
#include <linux/audit.h>
+#include <linux/user_namespace.h>
#include <net/sock.h>

#include "include/apparmor.h"
@@ -136,11 +137,11 @@ static int apparmor_capget(struct task_struct *target, kernel_cap_t
*effective,
}

static int apparmor_capable(struct task_struct *task, const struct cred *cred,
- int cap, int audit)
+ struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit)
{
    struct aa_profile *profile;
    /* cap_capable returns 0 on success, else -EPERM */
- int error = cap_capable(task, cred, cap, audit);
+ int error = cap_capable(task, cred, ns, cap, audit);
    if (!error) {
        profile = aa_cred_profile(cred);
        if (!unconfined(profile))
diff --git a/security/commoncap.c b/security/commoncap.c
index 64c2ed9..51fa9ec 100644
--- a/security/commoncap.c
+++ b/security/commoncap.c

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@@ -27,6 +27,7 @@
#include <linux/sched.h>
#include <linux/prctl.h>
#include <linux/securebits.h>
+#include <linux/user_namespace.h>

/*
 * If a non-root user executes a setuid-root binary in
@@ -68,6 +69,7 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(cap_netlink_rcv);
 * cap_capable - Determine whether a task has a particular effective capability
 * @tsk: The task to query
 * @cred: The credentials to use
+ * @ns: The user namespace in which we need the capability
 * @cap: The capability to check for
 * @audit: Whether to write an audit message or not
 *
@@ -79,10 +81,32 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(cap_netlink_rcv);
 * cap_has_capability() returns 0 when a task has a capability, but the
 * kernel's capable() and has_capability() returns 1 for this case.
 */
-int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred, int cap,
- int audit)
+int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
+ struct user_namespace *targ_ns, int cap, int audit)
{
- return cap_raised(cred->cap_effective, cap) ? 0 : -EPERM;
+ for (;;) {
+ /* The creator of the user namespace has all caps. */
+ if (targ_ns != &init_user_ns && targ_ns->creator == cred->user)
+ return 0;
+
+ /* Do we have the necessary capabilities? */
+ if (targ_ns == cred->user->user_ns)
+ return cap_raised(cred->cap_effective, cap) ? 0 : -EPERM;
+
+ /* Have we tried all of the parent namespaces? */
+ if (targ_ns == &init_user_ns)
+ return -EPERM;
+
+ /* If you have the capability in a parent user ns you have it
+ * in the over all children user namespaces as well, so see
+ * if this process has the capability in the parent user
+ * namespace.
+ */
+ targ_ns = targ_ns->creator->user_ns;
+ }
+
+ /* We never get here */

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+ return -EPERM;
}

/**
@@ -177,7 +201,8 @@ static inline int cap_inh_is_capped(void)
/* they are so limited unless the current task has the CAP_SETPCAP
 * capability
 */
- if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SETPCAP,
+ if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(),
+ current_cred()->user->user_ns, CAP_SETPCAP,
  SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT) == 0)
  return 0;
  return 1;
@@ -829,7 +854,8 @@ int cap_task_prctl(int option, unsigned long arg2, unsigned long arg3,
  & (new->securebits ^ arg2)) /*[1]*/
  || ((new->securebits & SECURE_ALL_LOCKS & ~arg2)) /*[2]*/
  || (arg2 & ~(SECURE_ALL_LOCKS | SECURE_ALL_BITS)) /*[3]*/
-  || (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SETPCAP,
+  || (cap_capable(current, current_cred(),
+ current_cred()->user->user_ns, CAP_SETPCAP,
  SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT) != 0) /*[4]*/
  /*
  * [1] no changing of bits that are locked
@@ -894,7 +920,7 @@ int cap_vm_enough_memory(struct mm_struct *mm, long pages)
{
  int cap_sys_admin = 0;

- if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
+ if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), &init_user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
  SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT) == 0)
  cap_sys_admin = 1;
  return __vm_enough_memory(mm, pages, cap_sys_admin);
@@ -921,7 +947,7 @@ int cap_file_mmap(struct file *file, unsigned long reqprot,
  int ret = 0;

  if (addr < dac_mmap_min_addr) {
- ret = cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SYS_RAWIO,
+ ret = cap_capable(current, current_cred(), &init_user_ns, CAP_SYS_RAWIO,
  SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
  /* set PF_SUPERPRIV if it turns out we allow the low mmap */
  if (ret == 0)
diff --git a/security/security.c b/security/security.c
index 7b7308a..7a6a0d0 100644
--- a/security/security.c
+++ b/security/security.c
@@ -154,29 +154,33 @@ int security_capset(struct cred *new, const struct cred *old,
  effective, inheritable, permitted);

```

```

}

-int security_capable(const struct cred *cred, int cap)
+int security_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, const struct cred *cred,
+  int cap)
{
- return security_ops->capable(current, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
+ return security_ops->capable(current, cred, ns, cap,
+  SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
}

-int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
+int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns,
+  int cap)
{
  const struct cred *cred;
  int ret;

  cred = get_task_cred(tsk);
- ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
+ ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
  put_cred(cred);
  return ret;
}

-int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
+int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk,
+  struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)
{
  const struct cred *cred;
  int ret;

  cred = get_task_cred(tsk);
- ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
+ ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
  put_cred(cred);
  return ret;
}
diff --git a/security/selinux/hooks.c b/security/selinux/hooks.c
index c8d6992..6dcda48 100644
--- a/security/selinux/hooks.c
+++ b/security/selinux/hooks.c
@@ -77,6 +77,7 @@
#include <linux/mutex.h>
#include <linux/posix-timers.h>
#include <linux/syslog.h>
+#include <linux/user_namespace.h>

```

```

#include "avc.h"
#include "objsec.h"
@@ -1423,6 +1424,7 @@ static int current_has_perm(const struct task_struct *tsk,
/* Check whether a task is allowed to use a capability. */
static int task_has_capability(struct task_struct *tsk,
    const struct cred *cred,
+    struct user_namespace *ns,
    int cap, int audit)
{
    struct common_audit_data ad;
@@ -1851,15 +1853,15 @@ static int selinux_capset(struct cred *new, const struct cred *old,
*/

static int selinux_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
-    int cap, int audit)
+    struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit)
{
    int rc;

- rc = cap_capable(tsk, cred, cap, audit);
+ rc = cap_capable(tsk, cred, ns, cap, audit);
    if (rc)
        return rc;

- return task_has_capability(tsk, cred, cap, audit);
+ return task_has_capability(tsk, cred, ns, cap, audit);
}

static int selinux_sysctl_get_sid(ctl_table *table, u16 tclass, u32 *sid)
@@ -2012,7 +2014,8 @@ static int selinux_vm_enough_memory(struct mm_struct *mm, long
pages)
{
    int rc, cap_sys_admin = 0;

- rc = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
+ rc = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(),
+    &init_user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
    SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
    if (rc == 0)
        cap_sys_admin = 1;
@@ -2829,7 +2832,8 @@ static int selinux_inode_getsecurity(const struct inode *inode, const
char *name
    * and lack of permission just means that we fall back to the
    * in-core context value, not a denial.
    */
- error = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_MAC_ADMIN,
+ error = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(),
+    &init_user_ns, CAP_MAC_ADMIN,

```

```
SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
if (!error)
    error = security_sid_to_context_force(isec->sid, &context,
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH 3/9] allow sethostname in a container  
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---  
kernel/sys.c | 2 +-  
1 files changed, 1 insertions(+), 1 deletions(-)

```
diff --git a/kernel/sys.c b/kernel/sys.c
index 18da702..7a1bbad 100644
--- a/kernel/sys.c
+++ b/kernel/sys.c
@@ -1177,7 +1177,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(sethostname, char __user *, name, int, len)
    int errno;
    char tmp[__NEW_UTS_LEN];

- if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+ if (!ns_capable(current->nsproxy->uts_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
    return -EPERM;
    if (len < 0 || len > __NEW_UTS_LEN)
    return -EINVAL;
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH 4/9] allow killing tasks in your own or child usersns  
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## Changelog:

Dec 8: Fixed bug in my check\_kill\_permission pointed out by Eric Biederman.

Dec 13: Apply Eric's suggestion to pass target task into kill\_ok\_by\_cred() for clarity

Dec 31: address comment by Eric Biederman: don't need cred/tcred in check\_kill\_permission.

Jan 1: use const cred struct.

Jan 11: Per Bastian Blank's advice, clean up kill\_ok\_by\_cred().

Feb 16: kill\_ok\_by\_cred: fix bad parentheses

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kernel/signal.c | 30 ++++++

1 files changed, 22 insertions(+), 8 deletions(-)

diff --git a/kernel/signal.c b/kernel/signal.c

index 4e3cff1..ffe4bdf 100644

--- a/kernel/signal.c

+++ b/kernel/signal.c

```
@@ -636,13 +636,33 @@ static inline bool si_fromuser(const struct siginfo *info)
}
```

```
/*
```

```
+ * called with RCU read lock from check_kill_permission()
```

```
+ */
```

```
+static inline int kill_ok_by_cred(struct task_struct *t)
```

```
+{
```

```
+ const struct cred *cred = current_cred();
```

```
+ const struct cred *tcred = __task_cred(t);
```

```
+
```

```
+ if (cred->user->user_ns == tcred->user->user_ns &&
```

```
+ (cred->euid == tcred->suid ||
```

```
+ cred->euid == tcred->uid ||
```

```
+ cred->uid == tcred->suid ||
```

```
+ cred->uid == tcred->uid))
```

```
+ return 1;
```

```
+
```

```
+ if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_KILL))
```

```
+ return 1;
```

```
+
```

```
+ return 0;
```

```
+}
```

```
+
```

```
+/*
```

```
* Bad permissions for sending the signal
```

```
* - the caller must hold the RCU read lock
```

```
*/
```

```
static int check_kill_permission(int sig, struct siginfo *info,  
    struct task_struct *t)
```

```
{  
- const struct cred *cred, *tcred;  
  struct pid *sid;  
  int error;
```

```
@@ -656,14 +676,8 @@ static int check_kill_permission(int sig, struct siginfo *info,  
  if (error)  
    return error;
```

```
- cred = current_cred();  
- tcred = __task_cred(t);  
  if (!same_thread_group(current, t) &&  
-   (cred->euid ^ tcred->suid) &&  
-   (cred->euid ^ tcred->uid) &&  
-   (cred->uid ^ tcred->suid) &&  
-   (cred->uid ^ tcred->uid) &&  
-   !capable(CAP_KILL)) {  
+   !kill_ok_by_cred(t)) {  
  switch (sig) {  
  case SIGCONT:  
    sid = task_session(t);
```

```
--
```

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Subject: [PATCH 5/9] Allow ptrace from non-init user namespaces

Posted by [serge](#) on Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:03:33 GMT

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ptrace is allowed to tasks in the same user namespace according to the usual rules (i.e. the same rules as for two tasks in the init user namespace). ptrace is also allowed to a user namespace to which the current task has CAP\_SYS\_PTRACE capability.

Changelog:

Dec 31: Address feedback by Eric:

- . Correct ptrace uid check
- . Rename may\_ptrace\_ns to ptrace\_capable
- . Also fix the cap\_ptrace checks.

Jan 1: Use const cred struct

Jan 11: use task\_ns\_capable() in place of ptrace\_capable().



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```
include/linux/capability.h | 2 +
include/linux/user_namespace.h | 9 +++++++
kernel/ptrace.c | 27 ++++++++-----
kernel/user_namespace.c | 16 ++++++++
security/commoncap.c | 48 ++++++++-----
5 files changed, 82 insertions(+), 20 deletions(-)
```

diff --git a/include/linux/capability.h b/include/linux/capability.h

index cb3d2d9..bc0f262 100644

--- a/include/linux/capability.h

+++ b/include/linux/capability.h

@@ -546,6 +546,8 @@ extern const kernel\_cap\_t \_\_cap\_init\_eff\_set;

\*/

```
#define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)
```

```
+#define has_ns_capability(t, ns, cap) (security_real_capable((t), (ns), (cap)) == 0)
```

+

/\*\*

\* has\_capability\_noaudit - Determine if a task has a superior capability available (unaudited)

\* @t: The task in question

diff --git a/include/linux/user\_namespace.h b/include/linux/user\_namespace.h

index faf4679..862fc59 100644

--- a/include/linux/user\_namespace.h

+++ b/include/linux/user\_namespace.h

@@ -39,6 +39,9 @@ static inline void put\_user\_ns(struct user\_namespace \*ns)

```
uid_t user_ns_map_uid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, uid_t uid);
```

```
gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, gid_t gid);
```

```
+int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
```

```
+ struct task_struct *victim);
```

+

```
#else
```

```
static inline struct user_namespace *get_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
```

```
@@ -66,6 +69,12 @@ static inline gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to,
```

```
return gid;
```

```
}
```

```
+static inline int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
```

```
+ struct task_struct *victim)
```

```
+{
```

```
+ return 1;
```

```
+}
```

```
+
```

```
#endif
```

```

#endif /* _LINUX_USER_H */
diff --git a/kernel/ptrace.c b/kernel/ptrace.c
index 1708b1e..cde4655 100644
--- a/kernel/ptrace.c
+++ b/kernel/ptrace.c
@@ -134,21 +134,24 @@ int __ptrace_may_access(struct task_struct *task, unsigned int mode)
    return 0;
    rcu_read_lock();
    tcred = __task_cred(task);
- if ((cred->uid != tcred->euid ||
-     cred->uid != tcred->suid ||
-     cred->uid != tcred->uid ||
-     cred->gid != tcred->egid ||
-     cred->gid != tcred->sgid ||
-     cred->gid != tcred->gid) &&
-     !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE)) {
- rcu_read_unlock();
- return -EPERM;
- }
+ if (cred->user->user_ns == tcred->user->user_ns &&
+     (cred->uid == tcred->euid &&
+     cred->uid == tcred->suid &&
+     cred->uid == tcred->uid &&
+     cred->gid == tcred->egid &&
+     cred->gid == tcred->sgid &&
+     cred->gid == tcred->gid))
+ goto ok;
+ if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
+ goto ok;
+ rcu_read_unlock();
+ return -EPERM;
+ok:
    rcu_read_unlock();
    smp_rmb();
    if (task->mm)
        dumpable = get_dumpable(task->mm);
- if (!dumpable && !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
+ if (!dumpable && !task_ns_capable(task, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
    return -EPERM;

    return security_ptrace_access_check(task, mode);
@@ -198,7 +201,7 @@ int ptrace_attach(struct task_struct *task)
    goto unlock_tasklist;

    task->ptrace = PT_PTRACED;
- if (capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
+ if (task_ns_capable(task, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))

```

```
task->ptrace |= PT_PTRACE_CAP;
```

```
__ptrace_link(task, current);
```

```
diff --git a/kernel/user_namespace.c b/kernel/user_namespace.c
```

```
index 9da289c..0ef2258 100644
```

```
--- a/kernel/user_namespace.c
```

```
+++ b/kernel/user_namespace.c
```

```
@@ -129,6 +129,22 @@ gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred
*cred, gid_t
    return overflowgid;
}
```

```
+int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
```

```
+ struct task_struct *victim)
```

```
+{
```

```
+ struct user_namespace *u1 = task_cred_xxx(task, user)->user_ns;
```

```
+ struct user_namespace *u2 = task_cred_xxx(victim, user)->user_ns;
```

```
+ for (;;) {
```

```
+ if (u1 == u2)
```

```
+ return 1;
```

```
+ if (u1 == &init_user_ns)
```

```
+ return 0;
```

```
+ u1 = u1->creator->user_ns;
```

```
+ }
```

```
+ /* We never get here */
```

```
+ return 0;
```

```
+}
```

```
+
```

```
static __init int user_namespaces_init(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    user_ns_cache = KMEM_CACHE(user_namespace, SLAB_PANIC);
```

```
diff --git a/security/commoncap.c b/security/commoncap.c
```

```
index 51fa9ec..12ff65c 100644
```

```
--- a/security/commoncap.c
```

```
+++ b/security/commoncap.c
```

```
@@ -130,18 +130,34 @@ int cap_settime(struct timespec *ts, struct timezone *tz)
```

```
 * @child: The process to be accessed
```

```
 * @mode: The mode of attachment.
```

```
 *
```

```
+ * If we are in the same or an ancestor user_ns and have all the target
```

```
+ * task's capabilities, then ptrace access is allowed.
```

```
+ * If we have the ptrace capability to the target user_ns, then ptrace
```

```
+ * access is allowed.
```

```
+ * Else denied.
```

```
+ *
```

```
+ * Determine whether a process may access another, returning 0 if permission
```

```
+ * granted, -ve if denied.
```

```
+ */
```

```

int cap_ptrace_access_check(struct task_struct *child, unsigned int mode)
{
    int ret = 0;
+ const struct cred *cred, *tcred;

    rcu_read_lock();
- if (!cap_issubset(__task_cred(child)->cap_permitted,
-   current_cred()->cap_permitted) &&
-   !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
-   ret = -EPERM;
+ cred = current_cred();
+ tcred = __task_cred(child);
+ /*
+  * The ancestor user_ns check may be gratuitous, as I think
+  * we've already guaranteed that in kernel/ptrace.c.
+  */
+ if (same_or_ancestor_user_ns(current, child) &&
+   cap_issubset(tcred->cap_permitted, cred->cap_permitted))
+   goto out;
+ if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
+   goto out;
+ ret = -EPERM;
+out:
    rcu_read_unlock();
    return ret;
}

```

```

@@ -150,18 +166,34 @@ int cap_ptrace_access_check(struct task_struct *child, unsigned int
mode)

```

```

* cap_ptrace_traceme - Determine whether another process may trace the current
* @parent: The task proposed to be the tracer
*
+ * If parent is in the same or an ancestor user_ns and has all current's
+ * capabilities, then ptrace access is allowed.
+ * If parent has the ptrace capability to current's user_ns, then ptrace
+ * access is allowed.
+ * Else denied.
+ *
+ * Determine whether the nominated task is permitted to trace the current
+ * process, returning 0 if permission is granted, -ve if denied.
*/

```

```

int cap_ptrace_traceme(struct task_struct *parent)
{
    int ret = 0;
+ const struct cred *cred, *tcred;

    rcu_read_lock();
- if (!cap_issubset(current_cred()->cap_permitted,
-   __task_cred(parent)->cap_permitted) &&

```

```

- !has_capability(parent, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
- ret = -EPERM;
+ cred = __task_cred(parent);
+ tcred = current_cred();
+ /*
+ * The ancestor user_ns check may be gratuitous, as I think
+ * we've already guaranteed that in kernel/ptrace.c.
+ */
+ if (same_or_ancestor_user_ns(parent, current) &&
+     cap_issubset(tcred->cap_permitted, cred->cap_permitted))
+     goto out;
+ if (has_ns_capability(parent, tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
+     goto out;
+ ret = -EPERM;
+out:
    rcu_read_unlock();
    return ret;
}
--
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Subject: [PATCH 6/9] user namespaces: convert all capable checks in kernel/sys.c  
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This allows setuid/setgid in containers. It also fixes some corner cases where kernel logic foregoes capability checks when uids are equivalent. The latter will need to be done throughout the whole kernel.

Changelog:

- Jan 11: Use nsown\_capable() as suggested by Bastian Blank.
- Jan 11: Fix logic errors in uid checks pointed out by Bastian.
- Feb 15: allow prlimit to current (was regression in previous version)

Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <[serge.hallyn@canonical.com](mailto:serge.hallyn@canonical.com)>

```

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kernel/sys.c | 74 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++-----
1 files changed, 47 insertions(+), 27 deletions(-)

```

```

diff --git a/kernel/sys.c b/kernel/sys.c
index 7a1bbad..075370d 100644

```

```

--- a/kernel/sys.c
+++ b/kernel/sys.c
@@ -118,17 +118,29 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(cad_pid);

void (*pm_power_off_prepare)(void);

+/* called with rcu_read_lock, creds are safe */
+static inline int set_one_prio_perm(struct task_struct *p)
+{
+ const struct cred *cred = current_cred(), *pcred = __task_cred(p);
+
+ if (pcred->user->user_ns == cred->user->user_ns &&
+     (pcred->uid == cred->euid ||
+      pcred->euid == cred->euid))
+ return 1;
+ if (ns_capable(pcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_NICE))
+ return 1;
+ return 0;
+}
+
+/*
+ * set the priority of a task
+ * - the caller must hold the RCU read lock
+ */
static int set_one_prio(struct task_struct *p, int niceval, int error)
{
- const struct cred *cred = current_cred(), *pcred = __task_cred(p);
  int no_nice;

- if (pcred->uid != cred->euid &&
-     pcred->euid != cred->euid && !capable(CAP_SYS_NICE)) {
+ if (!set_one_prio_perm(p)) {
   error = -EPERM;
   goto out;
 }
@@ -502,7 +514,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setregid, gid_t, rgid, gid_t, egid)
  if (rgid != (gid_t) -1) {
   if (old->gid == rgid ||
       old->egid == rgid ||
-       capable(CAP_SETGID))
+       nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID))
    new->gid = rgid;
   else
    goto error;
@@ -511,7 +523,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setregid, gid_t, rgid, gid_t, egid)
  if (old->gid == egid ||
      old->egid == egid ||
      old->sgid == egid ||

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-   capable(CAP_SETGID))
+   nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID))
    new->egid = egid;
    else
        goto error;
@@ -546,7 +558,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE1(setgid, gid_t, gid)
    old = current_cred();

    retval = -EPERM;
-   if (capable(CAP_SETGID))
+   if (nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID))
        new->gid = new->egid = new->sgid = new->fsgid = gid;
    else if (gid == old->gid || gid == old->sgid)
        new->egid = new->fsgid = gid;
@@ -613,7 +625,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setreuid, uid_t, ruid, uid_t, euid)
    new->uid = ruid;
    if (old->uid != ruid &&
        old->euid != ruid &&
-   !capable(CAP_SETUID))
+   !nsown_capable(CAP_SETUID))
        goto error;
    }

@@ -622,7 +634,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setreuid, uid_t, ruid, uid_t, euid)
    if (old->uid != euid &&
        old->euid != euid &&
        old->suid != euid &&
-   !capable(CAP_SETUID))
+   !nsown_capable(CAP_SETUID))
        goto error;
    }

@@ -670,7 +682,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE1(setuid, uid_t, uid)
    old = current_cred();

    retval = -EPERM;
-   if (capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
+   if (nsown_capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
        new->suid = new->uid = uid;
        if (uid != old->uid) {
            retval = set_user(new);
@@ -712,7 +724,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE3(setresuid, uid_t, ruid, uid_t, euid, uid_t, suid)
    old = current_cred();

    retval = -EPERM;
-   if (!capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
+   if (!nsown_capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
        if (ruid != (uid_t) -1 && ruid != old->uid &&

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    ruid != old->euid && ruid != old->suid)
    goto error;
@@ -776,7 +788,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE3(setresgid, gid_t, rgid, gid_t, egid, gid_t, sgid)
    old = current_cred();

    retval = -EPERM;
- if (!capable(CAP_SETGID)) {
+ if (!nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID)) {
    if (rgid != (gid_t) -1 && rgid != old->gid &&
        rgid != old->egid && rgid != old->sgid)
        goto error;
@@ -836,7 +848,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE1(setfsuid, uid_t, uid)

    if (uid == old->uid || uid == old->euid ||
        uid == old->suid || uid == old->fsuid ||
-    capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
+    nsown_capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
    if (uid != old_fsuid) {
        new->fsuid = uid;
        if (security_task_fix_setuid(new, old, LSM_SETID_FS) == 0)
@@ -869,7 +881,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE1(setfsgid, gid_t, gid)

    if (gid == old->gid || gid == old->egid ||
        gid == old->sgid || gid == old->fsgid ||
-    capable(CAP_SETGID)) {
+    nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID)) {
    if (gid != old_fsgid) {
        new->fsgid = gid;
        goto change_okay;
@@ -1177,8 +1189,11 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(sethostname, char __user *, name, int, len)
    int errno;
    char tmp[__NEW_UTS_LEN];

- if (!ns_capable(current->nsproxy->uts_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+ if (!ns_capable(current->nsproxy->uts_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
+ printk(KERN_NOTICE "%s: did not have CAP_SYS_ADMIN\n", __func__);
    return -EPERM;
+ }
+ printk(KERN_NOTICE "%s: did have CAP_SYS_ADMIN\n", __func__);
    if (len < 0 || len > __NEW_UTS_LEN)
        return -EINVAL;
    down_write(&uts_sem);
@@ -1226,7 +1241,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setdomainname, char __user *, name, int, len)
    int errno;
    char tmp[__NEW_UTS_LEN];

- if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+ if (!ns_capable(current->nsproxy->uts_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN))

```



```

return -EPERM;
if (len < 0 || len > __NEW_UTS_LEN)
return -EINVAL;
@@ -1341,6 +1356,8 @@ int do_prlimit(struct task_struct *tsk, unsigned int resource,
    rlim = tsk->signal->rlim + resource;
    task_lock(tsk->group_leader);
    if (new_rlim) {
+ /* Keep the capable check against init_user_ns until
+  cgroups can contain all limits */
    if (new_rlim->rlim_max > rlim->rlim_max &&
        !capable(CAP_SYS_RESOURCE))
        retval = -EPERM;
@@ -1384,19 +1401,22 @@ static int check_prlimit_permission(struct task_struct *task)
{
    const struct cred *cred = current_cred(), *tcred;

- tcred = __task_cred(task);
- if (current != task &&
-     (cred->uid != tcred->euid ||
-      cred->uid != tcred->suid ||
-      cred->uid != tcred->uid ||
-      cred->gid != tcred->egid ||
-      cred->gid != tcred->sgid ||
-      cred->gid != tcred->gid) &&
-     !capable(CAP_SYS_RESOURCE)) {
- return -EPERM;
- }
+ if (current == task)
+ return 0;

- return 0;
+ tcred = __task_cred(task);
+ if (cred->user->user_ns == tcred->user->user_ns &&
+     (cred->uid == tcred->euid &&
+      cred->uid == tcred->suid &&
+      cred->uid == tcred->uid &&
+      cred->gid == tcred->egid &&
+      cred->gid == tcred->sgid &&
+      cred->gid == tcred->gid))
+ return 0;
+ if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_RESOURCE))
+ return 0;
+
+ return -EPERM;
}

SYSCALL_DEFINE4(prlimit64, pid_t, pid, unsigned int, resource,
--

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Subject: [PATCH 7/9] add a user namespace owner of ipc ns

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Changelog:

Feb 15: Don't set new ipc->user\_ns if we didn't create a new ipc\_ns.

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```
include/linux/ipc_namespace.h | 3 +++
ipc/msgutil.c                 | 3 +++
ipc/namespace.c               | 9 ++++++++
kernel/nsproxy.c              | 5 +++++
4 files changed, 18 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/ipc_namespace.h b/include/linux/ipc_namespace.h
```

```
index 5195298..46d2eb4 100644
```

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

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

```
@@ -24,6 +24,7 @@ struct ipc_ids {
    struct idr ipcs_idr;
};
```

```
+struct user_namespace;
```

```
struct ipc_namespace {
```

```
    atomic_t count;
```

```
    struct ipc_ids ids[3];
```

```
@@ -56,6 +57,8 @@ struct ipc_namespace {
```

```
    unsigned int mq_msg_max; /* initialized to DFLT_MSGMAX */
```

```
    unsigned int mq_msgsize_max; /* initialized to DFLT_MSGSIZEMAX */
```

```
+ /* user_ns which owns the ipc ns */
```

```
+ struct user_namespace *user_ns;
```

```
};
```

```
extern struct ipc_namespace init_ipc_ns;
```

```
diff --git a/ipc/msgutil.c b/ipc/msgutil.c
```

```
index f095ee2..d91ff4b 100644
```

```
--- a/ipc/msgutil.c
```

```
+++ b/ipc/msgutil.c
@@ -20,6 +20,8 @@
```

```
DEFINE_SPINLOCK(mq_lock);
```

```
+extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
```

```
+
/*
```

```
* The next 2 defines are here bc this is the only file
* compiled when either CONFIG_SYSVIPC and CONFIG_POSIX_QUEUE
```

```
@@ -32,6 +34,7 @@ struct ipc_namespace init_ipc_ns = {
```

```
.mq_msg_max = DFLT_MSGMAX,
.mq_msgsize_max = DFLT_MSGSIZEMAX,
```

```
#endif
```

```
+ .user_ns = &init_user_ns,
};
```

```
atomic_t nr_ipc_ns = ATOMIC_INIT(1);
```

```
diff --git a/ipc/namespace.c b/ipc/namespace.c
```

```
index a1094ff..aa18899 100644
```

```
--- a/ipc/namespace.c
```

```
+++ b/ipc/namespace.c
```

```
@@ -11,10 +11,11 @@
```

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

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

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

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

```
#include "util.h"
```

```
-static struct ipc_namespace *create_ipc_ns(void)
```

```
+static struct ipc_namespace *create_ipc_ns(struct ipc_namespace *old_ns)
```

```
{
    struct ipc_namespace *ns;
    int err;
```

```
@@ -43,6 +44,9 @@ static struct ipc_namespace *create_ipc_ns(void)
```

```
ipcns_notify(IPCNS_CREATED);
```

```
register_ipcns_notifier(ns);
```

```
+ ns->user_ns = old_ns->user_ns;
```

```
+ get_user_ns(ns->user_ns);
```

```
+
```

```
return ns;
```

```
}
```

```
@@ -50,7 +54,7 @@ struct ipc_namespace *copy_ipcs(unsigned long flags, struct
ipc_namespace *ns)
```

```
{
```

```

if (!(flags & CLONE_NEWIPC))
    return get_ipc_ns(ns);
- return create_ipc_ns();
+ return create_ipc_ns(ns);
}

/*
@@ -105,6 +109,7 @@ static void free_ipc_ns(struct ipc_namespace *ns)
 * order to have a correct value when recomputing msgmni.
 */
ipcns_notify(IPCNS_REMOVED);
+ put_user_ns(ns->user_ns);
}

/*
diff --git a/kernel/nsproxy.c b/kernel/nsproxy.c
index 034dc2e..b6dbff2 100644
--- a/kernel/nsproxy.c
+++ b/kernel/nsproxy.c
@@ -85,6 +85,11 @@ static struct nsproxy *create_new_namespaces(unsigned long flags,
    err = PTR_ERR(new_nsp->ipc_ns);
    goto out_ipc;
}
+ if (new_nsp->ipc_ns != tsk->nsproxy->ipc_ns) {
+ put_user_ns(new_nsp->ipc_ns->user_ns);
+ new_nsp->ipc_ns->user_ns = task_cred_xxx(tsk, user)->user_ns;
+ get_user_ns(new_nsp->ipc_ns->user_ns);
+ }

    new_nsp->pid_ns = copy_pid_ns(flags, task_active_pid_ns(tsk));
    if (IS_ERR(new_nsp->pid_ns)) {
--
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Subject: [PATCH 8/9] user namespaces: convert several capable() calls  
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CAP\_IPC\_OWNER and CAP\_IPC\_LOCK can be checked against current\_user\_ns(),  
because the resource comes from current's own ipc namespace.

setuid/setgid are to uids in own namespace, so again checks can be

against current\_user\_ns().

#### Changelog:

Jan 11: Use task\_ns\_capable() in place of sched\_capable().  
Jan 11: Use nsown\_capable() as suggested by Bastian Blank.  
Jan 11: Clarify (hopefully) some logic in futex and sched.c  
Feb 15: use ns\_capable for ipc, not nsown\_capable

Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serge.hallyn@canonical.com>

```
---
ipc/shm.c      |  2 +-
ipc/util.c     |  5 +++--
kernel/futex.c | 11 ++++++++--
kernel/futex_compat.c | 11 ++++++++--
kernel/groups.c |  2 +-
kernel/sched.c |  9 ++++++---
kernel/uid16.c |  2 +-
7 files changed, 32 insertions(+), 10 deletions(-)

diff --git a/ipc/shm.c b/ipc/shm.c
index 7d3bb22..e91e2e9 100644
--- a/ipc/shm.c
+++ b/ipc/shm.c
@@ -773,7 +773,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE3(shmctl, int, shmid, int, cmd, struct shm_id __user
 *, buf)

    audit_ipc_obj(&(shp->shm_perm));

- if (!capable(CAP_IPC_LOCK)) {
+ if (!ns_capable(ns->user_ns, CAP_IPC_LOCK)) {
    uid_t euid = current_euid();
    err = -EPERM;
    if (euid != shp->shm_perm.uid &&
diff --git a/ipc/util.c b/ipc/util.c
index 69a0cc1..8e7ec6a 100644
--- a/ipc/util.c
+++ b/ipc/util.c
@@ -627,7 +627,7 @@ int ipcperms (struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp, short flag)
    granted_mode >>= 3;
    /* is there some bit set in requested_mode but not in granted_mode? */
    if ((requested_mode & ~granted_mode & 0007) &&
-    !capable(CAP_IPC_OWNER))
+    !ns_capable(current->nsproxy->ipc_ns->user_ns, CAP_IPC_OWNER))
    return -1;

    return security_ipc_permission(ipcp, flag);
@@ -800,7 +800,8 @@ struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcctl_pre_down(struct ipc_ids *ids, int id, int cmd,
```

```

    euid = current_euid();
    if (euid == ipcp->cuid ||
-   euid == ipcp->uid || capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+   euid == ipcp->uid ||
+   ns_capable(current->nsproxy->ipc_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
        return ipcp;

```

```

    err = -EPERM;
diff --git a/kernel/futex.c b/kernel/futex.c
index b766d28..1e876f1 100644
--- a/kernel/futex.c
+++ b/kernel/futex.c
@@ -2421,10 +2421,19 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE3(get_robust_list, int, pid,
    goto err_unlock;
    ret = -EPERM;
    pcred = __task_cred(p);
+ /* If victim is in different user_ns, then uids are not
+  comparable, so we must have CAP_SYS_PTRACE */
+ if (cred->user->user_ns != pcred->user->user_ns) {
+ if (!ns_capable(pcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
+ goto err_unlock;
+ goto ok;
+ }
+ /* If victim is in same user_ns, then uids are comparable */
    if (cred->euid != pcred->euid &&
        cred->euid != pcred->uid &&
-   !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
+   !ns_capable(pcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
        goto err_unlock;
+ok:
    head = p->robust_list;
    rcu_read_unlock();
}

```

```

diff --git a/kernel/futex_compat.c b/kernel/futex_compat.c
index a7934ac..5f9e689 100644
--- a/kernel/futex_compat.c
+++ b/kernel/futex_compat.c
@@ -153,10 +153,19 @@ compat_sys_get_robust_list(int pid, compat_uptr_t __user *head_ptr,
    goto err_unlock;
    ret = -EPERM;
    pcred = __task_cred(p);
+ /* If victim is in different user_ns, then uids are not
+  comparable, so we must have CAP_SYS_PTRACE */
+ if (cred->user->user_ns != pcred->user->user_ns) {
+ if (!ns_capable(pcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
+ goto err_unlock;
+ goto ok;
+ }

```

```

+ /* If victim is in same user_ns, then uids are comparable */
  if (cred->euid != pcred->euid &&
      cred->euid != pcred->uid &&
      !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
-   !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
+   !ns_capable(pcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
  goto err_unlock;
+ok:
  head = p->compat_robust_list;
  rcu_read_unlock();
}
diff --git a/kernel/groups.c b/kernel/groups.c
index 253dc0f..1cc476d 100644
--- a/kernel/groups.c
+++ b/kernel/groups.c
@@ -233,7 +233,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setgroups, int, gidsetsize, gid_t __user *, grouplist)
  struct group_info *group_info;
  int retval;

- if (!capable(CAP_SETGID))
+ if (!nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID))
  return -EPERM;
  if ((unsigned)gidsetsize > NGROUPS_MAX)
  return -EINVAL;
diff --git a/kernel/sched.c b/kernel/sched.c
index 18d38e4..dc12bc2 100644
--- a/kernel/sched.c
+++ b/kernel/sched.c
@@ -4761,8 +4761,11 @@ static bool check_same_owner(struct task_struct *p)

  rcu_read_lock();
  pcred = __task_cred(p);
- match = (cred->euid == pcred->euid ||
- cred->euid == pcred->uid);
+ if (cred->user->user_ns == pcred->user->user_ns)
+ match = (cred->euid == pcred->euid ||
+ cred->euid == pcred->uid);
+ else
+ match = false;
  rcu_read_unlock();
  return match;
}
@@ -5088,7 +5091,7 @@ long sched_setaffinity(pid_t pid, const struct cpumask *in_mask)
  goto out_free_cpus_allowed;
}
  retval = -EPERM;
- if (!check_same_owner(p) && !capable(CAP_SYS_NICE))
+ if (!check_same_owner(p) && !task_ns_capable(p, CAP_SYS_NICE))
  goto out_unlock;

```

```

    retval = security_task_setscheduler(p);
diff --git a/kernel/uid16.c b/kernel/uid16.c
index 4192098..51c6e89 100644
--- a/kernel/uid16.c
+++ b/kernel/uid16.c
@@ -189,7 +189,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setgroups16, int, gidsetsize, old_gid_t __user *,
grouplist)
    struct group_info *group_info;
    int retval;

- if (!capable(CAP_SETGID))
+ if (!insown_capable(CAP_SETGID))
    return -EPERM;
    if ((unsigned)gidsetsize > NGROUPS_MAX)
    return -EINVAL;
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH 9/9] userns: check user namespace for task-&gt;file uid  
equivalence checks  
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Cheat for now and say all files belong to init\_user\_ns. Next  
step will be to let superblocks belong to a user\_ns, and derive  
inode\_userns(inode) from inode->i\_sb->s\_user\_ns. Finally we'll  
introduce more flexible arrangements.

Changelog:  
Feb 15: make is\_owner\_or\_cap take const struct inode

Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serge.hallyn@canonical.com>

```

---
fs/inode.c      | 17 ++++++++
fs/namei.c      | 20 ++++++++
include/linux/fs.h | 9 ++++++
3 files changed, 39 insertions(+), 7 deletions(-)

```

```

diff --git a/fs/inode.c b/fs/inode.c
index da85e56..1930b45 100644
--- a/fs/inode.c

```



```

+++ b/fs/inode.c
@@ -25,6 +25,7 @@
#include <linux/async.h>
#include <linux/posix_acl.h>
#include <linux/ima.h>
+#include <linux/cred.h>

/*
 * This is needed for the following functions:
@@ -1722,3 +1723,19 @@ void inode_init_owner(struct inode *inode, const struct inode *dir,
inode->i_mode = mode;
}
EXPORT_SYMBOL(inode_init_owner);
+
+/*
+ * return 1 if current either has CAP_FOWNER to the
+ * file, or owns the file.
+ */
+int is_owner_or_cap(const struct inode *inode)
+{
+ struct user_namespace *ns = inode_userns(inode);
+
+ if (current_user_ns() == ns && current_fsuid() == inode->i_uid)
+ return 1;
+ if (ns_capable(ns, CAP_FOWNER))
+ return 1;
+ return 0;
+}
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(is_owner_or_cap);
diff --git a/fs/namei.c b/fs/namei.c
index 9e701e2..cfac5b4 100644
--- a/fs/namei.c
+++ b/fs/namei.c
@@ -176,6 +176,9 @@ static int acl_permission_check(struct inode *inode, int mask, unsigned
int flag

mask &= MAY_READ | MAY_WRITE | MAY_EXEC;

+ if (current_user_ns() != inode_userns(inode))
+ goto other_perms;
+
+ if (current_fsuid() == inode->i_uid)
+ mode >>= 6;
+ else {
@@ -189,6 +192,7 @@ static int acl_permission_check(struct inode *inode, int mask, unsigned
int flag
mode >>= 3;
}

```

```

+other_perms:
/*
 * If the DACs are ok we don't need any capability check.
 */
@@ -230,7 +234,7 @@ int generic_permission(struct inode *inode, int mask, unsigned int flags,
 * Executable DACs are overridable if at least one exec bit is set.
 */
if (!(mask & MAY_EXEC) || execute_ok(inode))
- if (capable(CAP_DAC_OVERRIDE))
+ if (ns_capable(inode_userns(inode), CAP_DAC_OVERRIDE))
    return 0;

/*
@@ -238,7 +242,7 @@ int generic_permission(struct inode *inode, int mask, unsigned int flags,
 */
mask &= MAY_READ | MAY_WRITE | MAY_EXEC;
if (mask == MAY_READ || (S_ISDIR(inode->i_mode) && !(mask & MAY_WRITE)))
- if (capable(CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH))
+ if (ns_capable(inode_userns(inode), CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH))
    return 0;

return -EACCES;
@@ -675,6 +679,7 @@ force_reval_path(struct path *path, struct nameidata *nd)
static inline int exec_permission(struct inode *inode, unsigned int flags)
{
    int ret;
+ struct user_namespace *ns = inode_userns(inode);

    if (inode->i_op->permission) {
        ret = inode->i_op->permission(inode, MAY_EXEC, flags);
@@ -687,7 +692,7 @@ static inline int exec_permission(struct inode *inode, unsigned int flags)
    if (ret == -ECHILD)
        return ret;

- if (capable(CAP_DAC_OVERRIDE) || capable(CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH))
+ if (ns_capable(ns, CAP_DAC_OVERRIDE) || ns_capable(ns, CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH))
    goto ok;

return ret;
@@ -1940,11 +1945,15 @@ static inline int check_sticky(struct inode *dir, struct inode *inode)

if (!(dir->i_mode & S_ISVTX))
    return 0;
+ if (current_user_ns() != inode_userns(inode))
+ goto other_userns;
if (inode->i_uid == fsuid)
    return 0;

```

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    if (dir->i_uid == fsuid)
        return 0;
- return !capable(CAP_FOWNER);
+
+other_users:
+ return !ns_capable(inode_users(inode), CAP_FOWNER);
}

/*
@@ -2635,7 +2644,8 @@ int vfs_mknod(struct inode *dir, struct dentry *dentry, int mode, dev_t
dev)
    if (error)
        return error;

- if ((S_ISCHR(mode) || S_ISBLK(mode)) && !capable(CAP_MKNOD))
+ if ((S_ISCHR(mode) || S_ISBLK(mode)) &&
+     !ns_capable(inode_users(dir), CAP_MKNOD))
    return -EPERM;

    if (!dir->i_op->mknod)
diff --git a/include/linux/fs.h b/include/linux/fs.h
index bd32159..c84417a 100644
--- a/include/linux/fs.h
+++ b/include/linux/fs.h
@@ -1446,8 +1446,13 @@ enum {
#define put_fs_excl() atomic_dec(&current->fs_excl)
#define has_fs_excl() atomic_read(&current->fs_excl)

-#define is_owner_or_cap(inode) \
- ((current_fsuid() == (inode)->i_uid) || capable(CAP_FOWNER))
+/*
+ * until VFS tracks user namespaces for inodes, just make all files
+ * belong to init_user_ns
+ */
+extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
+#define inode_users(inode) (&init_user_ns)
+extern int is_owner_or_cap(const struct inode *inode);

/* not quite ready to be deprecated, but... */
extern void lock_super(struct super_block *);
--
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Subject: Re: userns: targeted capabilities v5  
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On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:02:24 +0000  
"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

> Here is a repost of my previous user namespace patch, ported onto  
> last night's git head.  
>  
> It fixes several things I was doing wrong in the last (v4)  
> posting, in particular:  
>  
> 1. don't set uts\_ns->user\_ns to current's when !CLONE\_NEWUTS  
> 2. add a ipc\_ns->user\_ns which owns ipc\_ns, and use that to  
> decide CAP\_IPC\_OWNER  
> 3. fix logic flaw caused by bad parantheses  
> 4. allow do\_prlimit to current  
> 5. don't always give root full privs to init\_user\_ns  
>  
> The expected course of development for user namespaces is laid out  
> at <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/UserNamespace>.

Seems like a nice feature to be developing.

I worry about the maturity of it all at this stage. How far along is  
it \*really\*?

Is anyone else working with you on developing and reviewing this work?

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"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> writes:

> Cheat for now and say all files belong to init\_user\_ns. Next  
> step will be to let superblocks belong to a user\_ns, and derive  
> inode\_userns(inode) from inode->i\_sb->s\_user\_ns. Finally we'll  
> introduce more flexible arrangements.

This looks good. I am a little worried that a concept like `inode_user_ns` will imply that there is only ever one.

However this looks like a good place to start and it will only be strange filesystems that implement a notion of permissions that is namespace aware so I don't expect the generic code needs to handle that case other than allowing the permission checks to be overridden.

Acked-by: "Eric W. Biederman" <ebiederm@xmission.com>

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>
> Changelog:
> Feb 15: make is_owner_or_cap take const struct inode
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> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serge.hallyn@canonical.com>
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> #include <linux/posix_acl.h>
> #include <linux/ima.h>
> +#include <linux/cred.h>
>
> /*
>  * This is needed for the following functions:
> @@ -1722,3 +1723,19 @@ void inode_init_owner(struct inode *inode, const struct inode *dir,
> inode->i_mode = mode;
> }
> EXPORT_SYMBOL(inode_init_owner);
> +
> +/*
> + * return 1 if current either has CAP_FOWNER to the
> + * file, or owns the file.
> + */
> +int is_owner_or_cap(const struct inode *inode)
> +{
> + struct user_namespace *ns = inode_userns(inode);
> +
> + if (current_user_ns() == ns && current_fsuid() == inode->i_uid)
```

```

> + return 1;
> + if (ns_capable(ns, CAP_FOWNER))
> + return 1;
> + return 0;
> +}
> +EXPORT_SYMBOL(is_owner_or_cap);
> diff --git a/fs/namei.c b/fs/namei.c
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int flag
>
> mask &= MAY_READ | MAY_WRITE | MAY_EXEC;
>
> + if (current_user_ns() != inode_userns(inode))
> + goto other_perms;
> +
> if (current_fsuid() == inode->i_uid)
> mode >>= 6;
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> @@ -189,6 +192,7 @@ static int acl_permission_check(struct inode *inode, int mask, unsigned
int flag
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> }
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> /*
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> * Executable DACs are overridable if at least one exec bit is set.
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> */
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> if (mask == MAY_READ || (S_ISDIR(inode->i_mode) && !(mask & MAY_WRITE)))
> - if (capable(CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH))
> + if (ns_capable(inode_userns(inode), CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH))
> return 0;

```

```

>
> return -EACCES;
> @@ -675,6 +679,7 @@ force_reval_path(struct path *path, struct nameidata *nd)
> static inline int exec_permission(struct inode *inode, unsigned int flags)
> {
> int ret;
> + struct user_namespace *ns = inode_userns(inode);
>
> if (inode->i_op->permission) {
> ret = inode->i_op->permission(inode, MAY_EXEC, flags);
> @@ -687,7 +692,7 @@ static inline int exec_permission(struct inode *inode, unsigned int flags)
> if (ret == -ECHILD)
> return ret;
>
> - if (capable(CAP_DAC_OVERRIDE) || capable(CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH))
> + if (ns_capable(ns, CAP_DAC_OVERRIDE) || ns_capable(ns, CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH))
> goto ok;
>
> return ret;
> @@ -1940,11 +1945,15 @@ static inline int check_sticky(struct inode *dir, struct inode *inode)
>
> if (!(dir->i_mode & S_ISVTX))
> return 0;
> + if (current_user_ns() != inode_userns(inode))
> + goto other_userns;
> if (inode->i_uid == fsuid)
> return 0;
> if (dir->i_uid == fsuid)
> return 0;
> - return !capable(CAP_FOWNER);
> +
> +other_userns:
> + return !ns_capable(inode_userns(inode), CAP_FOWNER);
> }
>
> /*
> @@ -2635,7 +2644,8 @@ int vfs_mknod(struct inode *dir, struct dentry *dentry, int mode, dev_t
dev)
> if (error)
> return error;
>
> - if ((S_ISCHR(mode) || S_ISBLK(mode)) && !capable(CAP_MKNOD))
> + if ((S_ISCHR(mode) || S_ISBLK(mode)) &&
> + !ns_capable(inode_userns(dir), CAP_MKNOD))
> return -EPERM;
>
> if (!dir->i_op->mknod)
> diff --git a/include/linux/fs.h b/include/linux/fs.h

```

```
> index bd32159..c84417a 100644
> --- a/include/linux/fs.h
> +++ b/include/linux/fs.h
> @@ -1446,8 +1446,13 @@ enum {
> #define put_fs_excl() atomic_dec(&current->fs_excl)
> #define has_fs_excl() atomic_read(&current->fs_excl)
>
> -#define is_owner_or_cap(inode) \
> - ((current_fsuid() == (inode)->i_uid) || capable(CAP_FOWNER))
> +/*
> + * until VFS tracks user namespaces for inodes, just make all files
> + * belong to init_user_ns
> + */
> +extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
> +#define inode_userns(inode) (&init_user_ns)
> +extern int is_owner_or_cap(const struct inode *inode);
>
> /* not quite ready to be deprecated, but... */
> extern void lock_super(struct super_block *);
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 8/9] user namespaces: convert several capable() calls

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 01:51:25 GMT

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"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> writes:

```
> CAP_IPC_OWNER and CAP_IPC_LOCK can be checked against current_user_ns(),
> because the resource comes from current's own ipc namespace.
>
> setuid/setgid are to uids in own namespace, so again checks can be
> against current_user_ns().
```

Some nits below. But this generally looks good if a little bit all over the map for a single patch.

Acked-by: "Eric W. Biederman" <[ebiederm@xmission.com](mailto:ebiederm@xmission.com)>

> Changelog:

```
> Jan 11: Use task_ns_capable() in place of sched_capable().
> Jan 11: Use nsown_capable() as suggested by Bastian Blank.
> Jan 11: Clarify (hopefully) some logic in futex and sched.c
> Feb 15: use ns_capable for ipc, not nsown_capable
```



```

>
> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serge.hallyn@canonical.com>
> ---
> ipc/shm.c      | 2 +-
> ipc/util.c     | 5 +++--
> kernel/futex.c | 11 ++++++++--
> kernel/futex_compat.c | 11 ++++++++--
> kernel/groups.c | 2 +-
> kernel/sched.c | 9 ++++++---
> kernel/uid16.c | 2 +-
> 7 files changed, 32 insertions(+), 10 deletions(-)
>
> diff --git a/ipc/shm.c b/ipc/shm.c
> index 7d3bb22..e91e2e9 100644
> --- a/ipc/shm.c
> +++ b/ipc/shm.c
> @@ -773,7 +773,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE3(shmctl, int, shmid, int, cmd, struct shmctl,
__user *, buf)
>
>     audit_ipc_obj(&(shp->shm_perm));
>
> - if (!capable(CAP_IPC_LOCK)) {
> + if (!ns_capable(ns->user_ns, CAP_IPC_LOCK)) {
>     uid_t euid = current_euid();
>     err = -EPERM;
>     if (euid != shp->shm_perm.uid &&
> diff --git a/ipc/util.c b/ipc/util.c
> index 69a0cc1..8e7ec6a 100644
> --- a/ipc/util.c
> +++ b/ipc/util.c
> @@ -627,7 +627,7 @@ int ipcperms (struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcp, short flag)
>     granted_mode >= 3;
>     /* is there some bit set in requested_mode but not in granted_mode? */
>     if ((requested_mode & ~granted_mode & 0007) &&
> -     !capable(CAP_IPC_OWNER))
> +     !ns_capable(current->nsproxy->ipc_ns->user_ns, CAP_IPC_OWNER))
>     return -1;

```

Serge can we please modify the code to pass the ns down from ipcget\_public to ipcperms. It is passed in and dropping the value and going back to current to get it just feels wrong.

Strictly speaking this code is correct but it requires an audit of all of the callers to know that, which is unfortunate.

```

>     return security_ipc_permission(ipcp, flag);
> @@ -800,7 +800,8 @@ struct kern_ipc_perm *ipcctl_pre_down(struct ipc_ids *ids, int id, int
cmd,

```

```

>
>  eid = current_euid();
>  if (eid == ipc->cuid ||
> -   eid == ipc->uid || capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> +   eid == ipc->uid ||
> +   ns_capable(current->nsproxy->ipc_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
>  return ipc;

```

Like the other ipc call can we please pass the ipc\_ns into ipcctl\_pre\_down.

The code as constructed appears correct but because we are passing the namespace into the caller of this function always using current to get the ipc\_ns seems confusing and unnecessary.

```

>  err = -EPERM;
>  diff --git a/kernel/futex.c b/kernel/futex.c
>  index b766d28..1e876f1 100644
>  --- a/kernel/futex.c
>  +++ b/kernel/futex.c
>  @@ -2421,10 +2421,19 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE3(get_robust_list, int, pid,
>   goto err_unlock;
>   ret = -EPERM;
>   pcred = __task_cred(p);
> + /* If victim is in different user_ns, then uids are not
> +   comparable, so we must have CAP_SYS_PTRACE */
> + if (cred->user->user_ns != pcred->user->user_ns) {
> +   if (!ns_capable(pcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
> +     goto err_unlock;
> +   goto ok;
> + }
> + /* If victim is in same user_ns, then uids are comparable */
>   if (cred->euid != pcred->euid &&
>       cred->euid != pcred->uid &&
> -   !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
> +   !ns_capable(pcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>   goto err_unlock;
> +ok:
>   head = p->robust_list;
>   rcu_read_unlock();
> }
>  diff --git a/kernel/futex_compat.c b/kernel/futex_compat.c
>  index a7934ac..5f9e689 100644
>  --- a/kernel/futex_compat.c
>  +++ b/kernel/futex_compat.c
>  @@ -153,10 +153,19 @@ compat_sys_get_robust_list(int pid, compat_uptr_t __user
> *head_ptr,
>   goto err_unlock;
>   ret = -EPERM;

```

```

> pcred = __task_cred(p);
> + /* If victim is in different user_ns, then uids are not
> + comparable, so we must have CAP_SYS_PTRACE */
> + if (cred->user->user_ns != pcred->user->user_ns) {
> + if (!ns_capable(pcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
> + goto err_unlock;
> + goto ok;
> + }
> + /* If victim is in same user_ns, then uids are comparable */
> if (cred->euid != pcred->euid &&
> cred->euid != pcred->uid &&
> - !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
> + !ns_capable(pcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
> goto err_unlock;
> +ok:
> head = p->compat_robust_list;
> rcu_read_unlock();
> }
> diff --git a/kernel/groups.c b/kernel/groups.c
> index 253dc0f..1cc476d 100644
> --- a/kernel/groups.c
> +++ b/kernel/groups.c
> @@ -233,7 +233,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setgroups, int, gidsetsize, gid_t __user *,
grouplist)
> struct group_info *group_info;
> int retval;
>
> - if (!capable(CAP_SETGID))
> + if (!nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID))
> return -EPERM;
> if ((unsigned)gidsetsize > NGROUPS_MAX)
> return -EINVAL;
> diff --git a/kernel/sched.c b/kernel/sched.c
> index 18d38e4..dc12bc2 100644
> --- a/kernel/sched.c
> +++ b/kernel/sched.c
> @@ -4761,8 +4761,11 @@ static bool check_same_owner(struct task_struct *p)
>
> rcu_read_lock();
> pcred = __task_cred(p);
> - match = (cred->euid == pcred->euid ||
> - cred->euid == pcred->uid);
> + if (cred->user->user_ns == pcred->user->user_ns)
> + match = (cred->euid == pcred->euid ||
> + cred->euid == pcred->uid);
> + else
> + match = false;
> rcu_read_unlock();

```

```
> return match;
> }
> @@ -5088,7 +5091,7 @@ long sched_setaffinity(pid_t pid, const struct cpumask *in_mask)
> goto out_free_cpus_allowed;
> }
> retval = -EPERM;
> - if (!check_same_owner(p) && !capable(CAP_SYS_NICE))
> + if (!check_same_owner(p) && !task_ns_capable(p, CAP_SYS_NICE))
> goto out_unlock;
>
> retval = security_task_setscheduler(p);
> diff --git a/kernel/uid16.c b/kernel/uid16.c
> index 4192098..51c6e89 100644
> --- a/kernel/uid16.c
> +++ b/kernel/uid16.c
> @@ -189,7 +189,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setgroups16, int, gidsetsize, old_gid_t __user *,
grouplist)
> struct group_info *group_info;
> int retval;
>
> - if (!capable(CAP_SETGID))
> + if (!nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID))
> return -EPERM;
> if ((unsigned)gidsetsize > NGROUPS_MAX)
> return -EINVAL;
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 6/9] user namespaces: convert all capable checks in kernel/sys.c

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 01:57:15 GMT

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"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> writes:

```
> This allows setuid/setgid in containers. It also fixes some
> corner cases where kernel logic foregoes capability checks when
> uids are equivalent. The latter will need to be done throughout
> the whole kernel.
```

Except for the extra printk in sethostname this looks good.

Acked-by: "Eric W. Biederman" <[ebiederm@xmission.com](mailto:ebiederm@xmission.com)>

>

```

> Changelog:
> Jan 11: Use nsown_capable() as suggested by Bastian Blank.
> Jan 11: Fix logic errors in uid checks pointed out by Bastian.
> Feb 15: allow prlimit to current (was regression in previous version)
>
> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serge.hallyn@canonical.com>
> ---
> kernel/sys.c | 74 ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++-----
> 1 files changed, 47 insertions(+), 27 deletions(-)
>
> diff --git a/kernel/sys.c b/kernel/sys.c
> index 7a1bbad..075370d 100644
> --- a/kernel/sys.c
> +++ b/kernel/sys.c
> @@ -118,17 +118,29 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(cad_pid);
>
> void (*pm_power_off_prepare)(void);
>
> +/* called with rcu_read_lock, creds are safe */
> +static inline int set_one_prio_perm(struct task_struct *p)
> +{
> + const struct cred *cred = current_cred(), *pcred = __task_cred(p);
> +
> + if (pcred->user->user_ns == cred->user->user_ns &&
> +     (pcred->uid == cred->euid ||
> +      pcred->euid == cred->euid))
> + return 1;
> + if (ns_capable(pcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_NICE))
> + return 1;
> + return 0;
> +}
> +
> /*
> * set the priority of a task
> * - the caller must hold the RCU read lock
> */
> static int set_one_prio(struct task_struct *p, int niceval, int error)
> {
> - const struct cred *cred = current_cred(), *pcred = __task_cred(p);
> int no_nice;
>
> - if (pcred->uid != cred->euid &&
> -     pcred->euid != cred->euid && !capable(CAP_SYS_NICE)) {
> + if (!set_one_prio_perm(p)) {
> error = -EPERM;
> goto out;
> }
> @@ -502,7 +514,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setregid, gid_t, rgid, gid_t, egid)

```

```

> if (rgid != (gid_t) -1) {
>   if (old->gid == rgid ||
>       old->egid == rgid ||
> -   capable(CAP_SETGID))
> +   nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID))
>   new->gid = rgid;
>   else
>     goto error;
> @@ -511,7 +523,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setregid, gid_t, rgid, gid_t, egid)
>   if (old->gid == egid ||
>       old->egid == egid ||
>       old->sgid == egid ||
> -   capable(CAP_SETGID))
> +   nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID))
>   new->egid = egid;
>   else
>     goto error;
> @@ -546,7 +558,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE1(setgid, gid_t, gid)
>   old = current_cred();
>
>   retval = -EPERM;
> - if (capable(CAP_SETGID))
> + if (nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID))
>   new->gid = new->egid = new->sgid = new->fsgid = gid;
>   else if (gid == old->gid || gid == old->sgid)
>     new->egid = new->fsgid = gid;
> @@ -613,7 +625,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setreuid, uid_t, ruid, uid_t, euid)
>   new->uid = ruid;
>   if (old->uid != ruid &&
>       old->euid != ruid &&
> -   !capable(CAP_SETUID))
> +   !nsown_capable(CAP_SETUID))
>     goto error;
> }
>
> @@ -622,7 +634,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setreuid, uid_t, ruid, uid_t, euid)
>   if (old->uid != euid &&
>       old->euid != euid &&
>       old->suid != euid &&
> -   !capable(CAP_SETUID))
> +   !nsown_capable(CAP_SETUID))
>     goto error;
> }
>
> @@ -670,7 +682,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE1(setuid, uid_t, uid)
>   old = current_cred();
>
>   retval = -EPERM;

```

```

> - if (capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
> + if (nsown_capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
>   new->suid = new->uid = uid;
>   if (uid != old->uid) {
>     retval = set_user(new);
> @@ -712,7 +724,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE3(setresuid, uid_t, ruid, uid_t, euid, uid_t, suid)
>   old = current_cred();
>
>   retval = -EPERM;
> - if (!capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
> + if (!nsown_capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
>   if (ruid != (uid_t) -1 && ruid != old->uid &&
>       ruid != old->euid && ruid != old->suid)
>     goto error;
> @@ -776,7 +788,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE3(setresgid, gid_t, rgid, gid_t, egid, gid_t, sgid)
>   old = current_cred();
>
>   retval = -EPERM;
> - if (!capable(CAP_SETGID)) {
> + if (!nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID)) {
>   if (rgid != (gid_t) -1 && rgid != old->gid &&
>       rgid != old->egid && rgid != old->sgid)
>     goto error;
> @@ -836,7 +848,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE1(setfsuid, uid_t, uid)
>
>   if (uid == old->uid || uid == old->euid ||
>       uid == old->suid || uid == old->fsuid ||
> -   capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
> +   nsown_capable(CAP_SETUID)) {
>     if (uid != old_fsuid) {
>       new->fsuid = uid;
>       if (security_task_fix_setuid(new, old, LSM_SETID_FS) == 0)
> @@ -869,7 +881,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE1(setfsgid, gid_t, gid)
>
>     if (gid == old->gid || gid == old->egid ||
>         gid == old->sgid || gid == old->fsgid ||
> -   capable(CAP_SETGID)) {
> +   nsown_capable(CAP_SETGID)) {
>       if (gid != old_fsgid) {
>         new->fsgid = gid;
>         goto change_okay;
> @@ -1177,8 +1189,11 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(sethostname, char __user *, name, int, len)
>   int errno;
>   char tmp[__NEW_UTS_LEN];
>
> - if (!ns_capable(current->nsproxy->uts_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> + if (!ns_capable(current->nsproxy->uts_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
> +   printk(KERN_NOTICE "%s: did not have CAP_SYS_ADMIN\n", __func__);

```

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> return -EPERM;
> + }
> + printk(KERN_NOTICE "%s: did have CAP_SYS_ADMIN\n", __func__);

```

Ouch! This new print statement could be really annoying if an unprivileged user calls sethostname. Could you remove it?

```

> if (len < 0 || len > __NEW_UTS_LEN)
> return -EINVAL;
> down_write(&uts_sem);
> @@ -1226,7 +1241,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(setdomainname, char __user *, name, int, len)
> int errno;
> char tmp[__NEW_UTS_LEN];
>
> - if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> + if (!ns_capable(current->nsproxy->uts_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> return -EPERM;
> if (len < 0 || len > __NEW_UTS_LEN)
> return -EINVAL;
> @@ -1341,6 +1356,8 @@ int do_prlimit(struct task_struct *tsk, unsigned int resource,
> rlim = tsk->signal->rlim + resource;
> task_lock(tsk->group_leader);
> if (new_rlim) {
> + /* Keep the capable check against init_user_ns until
> + cgroups can contain all limits */
> if (new_rlim->rlim_max > rlim->rlim_max &&
> !capable(CAP_SYS_RESOURCE))
> retval = -EPERM;
> @@ -1384,19 +1401,22 @@ static int check_prlimit_permission(struct task_struct *task)
> {
> const struct cred *cred = current_cred(), *tcred;
>
> - tcred = __task_cred(task);
> - if (current != task &&
> - (cred->uid != tcred->euid ||
> - cred->uid != tcred->suid ||
> - cred->uid != tcred->uid ||
> - cred->gid != tcred->egid ||
> - cred->gid != tcred->sgid ||
> - cred->gid != tcred->gid) &&
> - !capable(CAP_SYS_RESOURCE)) {
> - return -EPERM;
> - }
> + if (current == task)
> + return 0;
>
> - return 0;
> + tcred = __task_cred(task);

```



```
> + if (cred->user->user_ns == tcred->user->user_ns &&
> +     (cred->uid == tcred->euid &&
> +     cred->uid == tcred->suid &&
> +     cred->uid == tcred->uid &&
> +     cred->gid == tcred->egid &&
> +     cred->gid == tcred->sgid &&
> +     cred->gid == tcred->gid))
> + return 0;
> + if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_RESOURCE))
> + return 0;
> +
> + return -EPERM;
> }
>
> SYSCALL_DEFINE4(prlimit64, pid_t, pid, unsigned int, resource,
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 5/9] Allow ptrace from non-init user namespaces  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 02:59:57 GMT  
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"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> writes:

```
> ptrace is allowed to tasks in the same user namespace according to
> the usual rules (i.e. the same rules as for two tasks in the init
> user namespace). ptrace is also allowed to a user namespace to
> which the current task the has CAP_SYS_PTRACE capability.
```

I don't see how it can go wrong at the moment but  
same\_or\_ancestore\_user\_ns is too permissive and potentially inefficient.  
Can you please replace it with a simple user namespace equality check.

Eric

```
> Changelog:
> Dec 31: Address feedback by Eric:
> . Correct ptrace uid check
> . Rename may_ptrace_ns to ptrace_capable
> . Also fix the cap_ptrace checks.
> Jan  1: Use const cred struct
> Jan 11: use task_ns_capable() in place of ptrace_capable().
>
```

```

> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serge.hallyn@canonical.com>
> ---
> include/linux/capability.h | 2 +
> include/linux/user_namespace.h | 9 +++++++
> kernel/ptrace.c | 27 ++++++++-----
> kernel/user_namespace.c | 16 ++++++++
> security/commoncap.c | 48 ++++++++-----
> 5 files changed, 82 insertions(+), 20 deletions(-)
>
> diff --git a/include/linux/capability.h b/include/linux/capability.h
> index cb3d2d9..bc0f262 100644
> --- a/include/linux/capability.h
> +++ b/include/linux/capability.h
> @@ -546,6 +546,8 @@ extern const kernel_cap_t __cap_init_eff_set;
> */
> #define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)
>
> +#define has_ns_capability(t, ns, cap) (security_real_capable((t), (ns), (cap)) == 0)
> +
> /**
> * has_capability_noaudit - Determine if a task has a superior capability available (unaudited)
> * @t: The task in question
> diff --git a/include/linux/user_namespace.h b/include/linux/user_namespace.h
> index faf4679..862fc59 100644
> --- a/include/linux/user_namespace.h
> +++ b/include/linux/user_namespace.h
> @@ -39,6 +39,9 @@ static inline void put_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
> uid_t user_ns_map_uid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, uid_t uid);
> gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, gid_t gid);
>
> +int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
> + struct task_struct *victim);
> +
> #else
>
> static inline struct user_namespace *get_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
> @@ -66,6 +69,12 @@ static inline gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to,
> return gid;
> }
>
> +static inline int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
> + struct task_struct *victim)
> +{
> + return 1;
> +}
> +
> #endif
>

```

```

> #endif /* _LINUX_USER_H */
> diff --git a/kernel ptrace.c b/kernel ptrace.c
> index 1708b1e..cde4655 100644
> --- a/kernel ptrace.c
> +++ b/kernel ptrace.c
> @@ -134,21 +134,24 @@ int __ptrace_may_access(struct task_struct *task, unsigned int
mode)
>     return 0;
>     rcu_read_lock();
>     tcred = __task_cred(task);
> - if ((cred->uid != tcred->euid ||
> -     cred->uid != tcred->suid ||
> -     cred->uid != tcred->uid ||
> -     cred->gid != tcred->egid ||
> -     cred->gid != tcred->sgid ||
> -     cred->gid != tcred->gid) &&
> -     !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE)) {
> -     rcu_read_unlock();
> -     return -EPERM;
> - }
> + if (cred->user->user_ns == tcred->user->user_ns &&
> +     (cred->uid == tcred->euid &&
> +     cred->uid == tcred->suid &&
> +     cred->uid == tcred->uid &&
> +     cred->gid == tcred->egid &&
> +     cred->gid == tcred->sgid &&
> +     cred->gid == tcred->gid))
> +     goto ok;
> + if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
> +     goto ok;
> + rcu_read_unlock();
> + return -EPERM;
> +ok:
>     rcu_read_unlock();
>     smp_rmb();
>     if (task->mm)
>         dumpable = get_dumpable(task->mm);
> - if (!dumpable && !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
> + if (!dumpable && !task_ns_capable(task, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>     return -EPERM;
>
>     return security_ptrace_access_check(task, mode);
> @@ -198,7 +201,7 @@ int ptrace_attach(struct task_struct *task)
>     goto unlock_tasklist;
>
>     task->ptrace = PT_PTRACED;
> - if (capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
> + if (task_ns_capable(task, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))

```

```

> task->ptrace |= PT_PTRACE_CAP;
>
> __ptrace_link(task, current);
> diff --git a/kernel/user_namespace.c b/kernel/user_namespace.c
> index 9da289c..0ef2258 100644
> --- a/kernel/user_namespace.c
> +++ b/kernel/user_namespace.c
> @@ -129,6 +129,22 @@ gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred
*cred, gid_t
> return overflowgid;
> }
>
> +int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
> + struct task_struct *victim)
> +{
> + struct user_namespace *u1 = task_cred_xxx(task, user)->user_ns;
> + struct user_namespace *u2 = task_cred_xxx(victim, user)->user_ns;
> + for (;;) {
> + if (u1 == u2)
> + return 1;
> + if (u1 == &init_user_ns)
> + return 0;
> + u1 = u1->creator->user_ns;
> + }
> + /* We never get here */
> + return 0;
> +}
> +
> static __init int user_namespaces_init(void)
> {
> user_ns_cachep = KMEM_CACHE(user_namespace, SLAB_PANIC);
> diff --git a/security/commoncap.c b/security/commoncap.c
> index 51fa9ec..12ff65c 100644
> --- a/security/commoncap.c
> +++ b/security/commoncap.c
> @@ -130,18 +130,34 @@ int cap_settime(struct timespec *ts, struct timezone *tz)
> * @child: The process to be accessed
> * @mode: The mode of attachment.
> *
> + * If we are in the same or an ancestor user_ns and have all the target
> + * task's capabilities, then ptrace access is allowed.
> + * If we have the ptrace capability to the target user_ns, then ptrace
> + * access is allowed.
> + * Else denied.
> + *
> * Determine whether a process may access another, returning 0 if permission
> * granted, -ve if denied.
> */

```

```

> int cap_ptrace_access_check(struct task_struct *child, unsigned int mode)
> {
>     int ret = 0;
>     + const struct cred *cred, *tcred;
>
>     rcu_read_lock();
>     - if (!cap_issubset(__task_cred(child)->cap_permitted,
>     -     current_cred()->cap_permitted) &&
>     -     !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>     - ret = -EPERM;
>     + cred = current_cred();
>     + tcred = __task_cred(child);
>     + /*
>     + * The ancestor user_ns check may be gratuitous, as I think
>     + * we've already guaranteed that in kernel/ptrace.c.
>     + */
>     + if (same_or_ancestor_user_ns(current, child) &&
>     +     cap_issubset(tcred->cap_permitted, cred->cap_permitted))
>     + goto out;

```

I have commented on this before but I took a good hard look this time, and can comment more intelligently.

The cap\_issubset check is for the case where we don't use the CAP\_SYS\_PTRACE capability, as such is only valid in the same user namespace. Furthermore capabilities really are not comparable between different user namespaces. So can you please replace the same\_or\_ancestor\_user\_ns with a simple namespace equality check. Having the wrong logic in here will just be confusing in the future.

Also could you name tcred child\_cred I think that would be clearer in the test below.

```

> + if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
> + goto out;
> + ret = -EPERM;
> +out:
>     rcu_read_unlock();
>     return ret;

```

I also find it strange that we allow CAP\_SYS\_PTRACE to allow us to ptrace processes with more capabilities than ourselves. But that is an entirely different issue.

```

> }
> @@ -150,18 +166,34 @@ int cap_ptrace_access_check(struct task_struct *child, unsigned int
mode)
> * cap_ptrace_traceme - Determine whether another process may trace the current

```

```

> * @parent: The task proposed to be the tracer
> *
> + * If parent is in the same or an ancestor user_ns and has all current's
> + * capabilities, then ptrace access is allowed.
> + * If parent has the ptrace capability to current's user_ns, then ptrace
> + * access is allowed.
> + * Else denied.
> + *
> * Determine whether the nominated task is permitted to trace the current
> * process, returning 0 if permission is granted, -ve if denied.
> */
> int cap_ptrace_traceme(struct task_struct *parent)
> {
>     int ret = 0;
>     const struct cred *cred, *tcred;
>
>     rcu_read_lock();
>     - if (!cap_issubset(current_cred()->cap_permitted,
>     -   __task_cred(parent)->cap_permitted) &&
>     -   !has_capability(parent, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>     - ret = -EPERM;
>     + cred = __task_cred(parent);
>     + tcred = current_cred();
>     + /*
>     + * The ancestor user_ns check may be gratuitous, as I think
>     + * we've already guaranteed that in kernel/ptrace.c.
>     + */
>     + if (same_or_ancestor_user_ns(parent, current) &&
>     +   cap_issubset(tcred->cap_permitted, cred->cap_permitted))
>     + goto out;
>     + if (has_ns_capability(parent, tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>     + goto out;
>     + ret = -EPERM;
>     +out:
>     rcu_read_unlock();
>     return ret;
> }

```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/9] allow killing tasks in your own or child usersns

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 03:00:44 GMT

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"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> writes:

- > Changelog:
- > Dec 8: Fixed bug in my check\_kill\_permission pointed out by
- > Eric Biederman.
- > Dec 13: Apply Eric's suggestion to pass target task into kill\_ok\_by\_cred()
- > for clarity
- > Dec 31: address comment by Eric Biederman:
- > don't need cred/tcred in check\_kill\_permission.
- > Jan 1: use const cred struct.
- > Jan 11: Per Bastian Blank's advice, clean up kill\_ok\_by\_cred().
- > Feb 16: kill\_ok\_by\_cred: fix bad parentheses

Acked-by: "Eric W. Biederman" <ebiederm@xmission.com>

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>
> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serge.hallyn@canonical.com>
> ---
> kernel/signal.c | 30 ++++++-----
> 1 files changed, 22 insertions(+), 8 deletions(-)
>
> diff --git a/kernel/signal.c b/kernel/signal.c
> index 4e3cff1..ffe4bdf 100644
> --- a/kernel/signal.c
> +++ b/kernel/signal.c
> @@ -636,13 +636,33 @@ static inline bool si_fromuser(const struct siginfo *info)
> }
>
> /*
> + * called with RCU read lock from check_kill_permission()
> + */
> +static inline int kill_ok_by_cred(struct task_struct *t)
> +{
> + const struct cred *cred = current_cred();
> + const struct cred *tcred = __task_cred(t);
> +
> + if (cred->user->user_ns == tcred->user->user_ns &&
> +     (cred->euid == tcred->suid ||
> +      cred->euid == tcred->uid ||
> +      cred->uid == tcred->suid ||
> +      cred->uid == tcred->uid))
> + return 1;
> +
> + if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_KILL))
> + return 1;
> +
> + return 0;
> +}
> +

```

```

> +/*
> * Bad permissions for sending the signal
> * - the caller must hold the RCU read lock
> */
> static int check_kill_permission(int sig, struct siginfo *info,
>     struct task_struct *t)
> {
> - const struct cred *cred, *tcred;
>     struct pid *sid;
>     int error;
>
> @@ -656,14 +676,8 @@ static int check_kill_permission(int sig, struct siginfo *info,
>     if (error)
>         return error;
>
> - cred = current_cred();
> - tcred = __task_cred(t);
>     if (!same_thread_group(current, t) &&
>         (cred->euid ^ tcred->suid) &&
>         (cred->euid ^ tcred->uid) &&
>         (cred->uid ^ tcred->suid) &&
>         (cred->uid ^ tcred->uid) &&
>         !capable(CAP_KILL)) {
> +     !kill_ok_by_cred(t)) {
>     switch (sig) {
>     case SIGCONT:
>         sid = task_session(t);

```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 3/9] allow sethostname in a container

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 03:05:21 GMT

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"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> writes:

Acked-by: "Eric W. Biederman" <[ebiederm@xmission.com](mailto:ebiederm@xmission.com)>

> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <[serge.hallyn@canonical.com](mailto:serge.hallyn@canonical.com)>

> ---

> kernel/sys.c | 2 +-

> 1 files changed, 1 insertions(+), 1 deletions(-)

>

> diff --git a/kernel/sys.c b/kernel/sys.c



```
> index 18da702..7a1bbad 100644
> --- a/kernel/sys.c
> +++ b/kernel/sys.c
> @@ -1177,7 +1177,7 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(sethostname, char __user *, name, int, len)
> int errno;
> char tmp[__NEW_UTS_LEN];
>
> - if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> + if (!ns_capable(current->nsproxy->uts_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> return -EPERM;
> if (len < 0 || len > __NEW_UTS_LEN)
> return -EINVAL;
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 7/9] add a user namespace owner of ipc ns

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 03:19:58 GMT

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"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> writes:

> Changelog:

> Feb 15: Don't set new ipc->user\_ns if we didn't create a new

> ipc\_ns.

Acked-by: "Eric W. Biederman" <[ebiederm@xmission.com](mailto:ebiederm@xmission.com)>

> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <[serge.hallyn@canonical.com](mailto:serge.hallyn@canonical.com)>

> ---

> include/linux/ipc\_namespace.h | 3 +++

> ipc/msgutil.c | 3 +++

> ipc/namespace.c | 9 ++++++--

> kernel/nsproxy.c | 5 +++++

> 4 files changed, 18 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)

>

> diff --git a/include/linux/ipc\_namespace.h b/include/linux/ipc\_namespace.h

> index 5195298..46d2eb4 100644

> --- a/include/linux/ipc\_namespace.h

> +++ b/include/linux/ipc\_namespace.h

> @@ -24,6 +24,7 @@ struct ipc\_ids {

> struct idr ipcs\_idr;

> };

>

> +struct user\_namespace;

```

> struct ipc_namespace {
>     atomic_t count;
>     struct ipc_ids ids[3];
> @@ -56,6 +57,8 @@ struct ipc_namespace {
>     unsigned int  mq_msg_max;    /* initialized to DFLT_MSGMAX */
>     unsigned int  mq_msgsize_max; /* initialized to DFLT_MSGSIZEMAX */
>
> + /* user_ns which owns the ipc ns */
> + struct user_namespace *user_ns;
> };
>
> extern struct ipc_namespace init_ipc_ns;
> diff --git a/ipc/msgutil.c b/ipc/msgutil.c
> index f095ee2..d91ff4b 100644
> --- a/ipc/msgutil.c
> +++ b/ipc/msgutil.c
> @@ -20,6 +20,8 @@
>
> DEFINE_SPINLOCK(mq_lock);
>
> +extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
> +
> /*
> * The next 2 defines are here bc this is the only file
> * compiled when either CONFIG_SYSVIPC and CONFIG_POSIX_MQUEUE
> @@ -32,6 +34,7 @@ struct ipc_namespace init_ipc_ns = {
>     .mq_msg_max      = DFLT_MSGMAX,
>     .mq_msgsize_max = DFLT_MSGSIZEMAX,
> #endif
> + .user_ns = &init_user_ns,
> };
>
> atomic_t nr_ipc_ns = ATOMIC_INIT(1);
> diff --git a/ipc/namespace.c b/ipc/namespace.c
> index a1094ff..aa18899 100644
> --- a/ipc/namespace.c
> +++ b/ipc/namespace.c
> @@ -11,10 +11,11 @@
> #include <linux/slab.h>
> #include <linux/fs.h>
> #include <linux/mount.h>
> +#include <linux/user_namespace.h>
>
> #include "util.h"
>
> -static struct ipc_namespace *create_ipc_ns(void)
> +static struct ipc_namespace *create_ipc_ns(struct ipc_namespace *old_ns)
> {

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> struct ipc_namespace *ns;
> int err;
> @@ -43,6 +44,9 @@ static struct ipc_namespace *create_ipc_ns(void)
> ipcns_notify(IPCNS_CREATED);
> register_ipcns_notifier(ns);
>
> + ns->user_ns = old_ns->user_ns;
> + get_user_ns(ns->user_ns);
> +
> return ns;
> }
>
> @@ -50,7 +54,7 @@ struct ipc_namespace *copy_ipcs(unsigned long flags, struct
ipc_namespace *ns)
> {
> if (!(flags & CLONE_NEWIPC))
> return get_ipc_ns(ns);
> - return create_ipc_ns();
> + return create_ipc_ns(ns);
> }
>
> /*
> @@ -105,6 +109,7 @@ static void free_ipc_ns(struct ipc_namespace *ns)
> * order to have a correct value when recomputing msgmni.
> */
> ipcns_notify(IPCNS_REMOVED);
> + put_user_ns(ns->user_ns);
> }
>
> /*
> diff --git a/kernel/nsproxy.c b/kernel/nsproxy.c
> index 034dc2e..b6dbff2 100644
> --- a/kernel/nsproxy.c
> +++ b/kernel/nsproxy.c
> @@ -85,6 +85,11 @@ static struct nsproxy *create_new_namespaces(unsigned long flags,
> err = PTR_ERR(new_nsp->ipc_ns);
> goto out_ipc;
> }
> + if (new_nsp->ipc_ns != tsk->nsproxy->ipc_ns) {
> + put_user_ns(new_nsp->ipc_ns->user_ns);
> + new_nsp->ipc_ns->user_ns = task_cred_xxx(tsk, user)->user_ns;
> + get_user_ns(new_nsp->ipc_ns->user_ns);
> + }
>
> new_nsp->pid_ns = copy_pid_ns(flags, task_active_pid_ns(tsk));
> if (IS_ERR(new_nsp->pid_ns)) {

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/9] Add a user\_namespace as creator/owner of uts\_namespace

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 03:31:04 GMT

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"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> writes:

> copy\_process() handles CLONE\_NEWUSER before the rest of the  
> namespaces. So in the case of clone(CLONE\_NEWUSER|CLONE\_NEWUTS)  
> the new uts namespace will have the new user namespace as its  
> owner. That is what we want, since we want root in that new  
> usersns to be able to have privilege over it.

Acked-by: "Eric W. Biederman" <[ebiederm@xmission.com](mailto:ebiederm@xmission.com)>

>  
> Changelog:  
> Feb 15: don't set uts\_ns->user\_ns if we didn't create  
> a new uts\_ns.  
>  
> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <[serge.hallyn@canonical.com](mailto:serge.hallyn@canonical.com)>  
> ---  
> include/linux/utsname.h | 3 +++  
> init/version.c | 2 ++  
> kernel/nsproxy.c | 5 +++++  
> kernel/user.c | 8 ++++++--  
> kernel/utsname.c | 4 ++++  
> 5 files changed, 20 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)  
>  
> diff --git a/include/linux/utsname.h b/include/linux/utsname.h  
> index 69f3997..85171be 100644  
> --- a/include/linux/utsname.h  
> +++ b/include/linux/utsname.h  
> @@ -37,9 +37,12 @@ struct new\_utsname {  
> #include <linux/nsproxy.h>  
> #include <linux/err.h>  
>  
> +struct user\_namespace;  
> +  
> struct uts\_namespace {  
> struct kref kref;  
> struct new\_utsname name;  
> + struct user\_namespace \*user\_ns;  
> };

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> extern struct uts_namespace init_uts_ns;
>
> diff --git a/init/version.c b/init/version.c
> index adff586..97bb86f 100644
> --- a/init/version.c
> +++ b/init/version.c
> @@ -21,6 +21,7 @@ extern int version_string(LINUX_VERSION_CODE);
> int version_string(LINUX_VERSION_CODE);
> #endif
>
> +extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
> struct uts_namespace init_uts_ns = {
> .kref = {
> .refcount = ATOMIC_INIT(2),
> @@ -33,6 +34,7 @@ struct uts_namespace init_uts_ns = {
> .machine = UTS_MACHINE,
> .domainname = UTS_DOMAINNAME,
> },
> + .user_ns = &init_user_ns,
> };
> EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(init_uts_ns);
>
> diff --git a/kernel/nsproxy.c b/kernel/nsproxy.c
> index f74e6c0..034dc2e 100644
> --- a/kernel/nsproxy.c
> +++ b/kernel/nsproxy.c
> @@ -74,6 +74,11 @@ static struct nsproxy *create_new_namespaces(unsigned long flags,
> err = PTR_ERR(new_nsp->uts_ns);
> goto out_uts;
> }
> + if (new_nsp->uts_ns != tsk->nsproxy->uts_ns) {
> + put_user_ns(new_nsp->uts_ns->user_ns);
> + new_nsp->uts_ns->user_ns = task_cred_xxx(tsk, user)->user_ns;
> + get_user_ns(new_nsp->uts_ns->user_ns);
> + }
>
> new_nsp->ipc_ns = copy_ipcs(flags, tsk->nsproxy->ipc_ns);
> if (IS_ERR(new_nsp->ipc_ns)) {
> diff --git a/kernel/user.c b/kernel/user.c
> index 5c598ca..9e03e9c 100644
> --- a/kernel/user.c
> +++ b/kernel/user.c
> @@ -17,9 +17,13 @@
> #include <linux/module.h>
> #include <linux/user_namespace.h>
>
> +/*
> + * userns count is 1 for root user, 1 for init_uts_ns,

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> + * and 1 for... ?
> + */
> struct user_namespace init_user_ns = {
> .kref = {
> - .refcount = ATOMIC_INIT(2),
> + .refcount = ATOMIC_INIT(3),
> },
> .creator = &root_user,
> };
> @@ -47,7 +51,7 @@ static struct kmem_cache *uid_cache;
> */
> static DEFINE_SPINLOCK(uidhash_lock);
>
> -/* root_user.__count is 2, 1 for init task cred, 1 for init_user_ns->creator */
> +/* root_user.__count is 2, 1 for init task cred, 1 for init_user_ns->user_ns */
> struct user_struct root_user = {
> .__count = ATOMIC_INIT(2),
> .processes = ATOMIC_INIT(1),
> diff --git a/kernel/utsname.c b/kernel/utsname.c
> index 8a82b4b..a7b3a8d 100644
> --- a/kernel/utsname.c
> +++ b/kernel/utsname.c
> @@ -14,6 +14,7 @@
> #include <linux/utsname.h>
> #include <linux/err.h>
> #include <linux/slab.h>
> +#include <linux/user_namespace.h>
>
> static struct uts_namespace *create_uts_ns(void)
> {
> @@ -40,6 +41,8 @@ static struct uts_namespace *clone_uts_ns(struct uts_namespace
*old_ns)
>
> down_read(&uts_sem);
> memcpy(&ns->name, &old_ns->name, sizeof(ns->name));
> + ns->user_ns = old_ns->user_ns;
> + get_user_ns(ns->user_ns);
> up_read(&uts_sem);
> return ns;
> }
> @@ -71,5 +74,6 @@ void free_uts_ns(struct kref *kref)
> struct uts_namespace *ns;
>
> ns = container_of(kref, struct uts_namespace, kref);
> + put_user_ns(ns->user_ns);
> kfree(ns);
> }

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/9] security: Make capabilities relative to the user namespace.

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 03:46:09 GMT

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"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> writes:

- > - Introduce ns\_capable to test for a capability in a non-default user namespace.
- > - Teach cap\_capable to handle capabilities in a non-default user namespace.
- >
- > The motivation is to get to the unprivileged creation of new namespaces. It looks like this gets us 90% of the way there, with only potential uid confusion issues left.
- >
- > I still need to handle getting all caps after creation but otherwise I think I have a good starter patch that achieves all of your goals.

Acked-by: "Eric W. Biederman" <[ebiederm@xmission.com](mailto:ebiederm@xmission.com)>

- >
- > Changelog:
- > 11/05/2010: [serge] add apparmor
- > 12/14/2010: [serge] fix capabilities to created user namespaces
- > Without this, if user serge creates a user\_ns, he won't have capabilities to the user\_ns he created. This is because we were first checking whether his effective caps had the caps he needed and returning -EPERM if not, and THEN checking whether he was the creator. Reverse those checks.
- > 12/16/2010: [serge] security\_real\_capable needs ns argument in !security case
- > 01/11/2011: [serge] add task\_ns\_capable helper
- > 01/11/2011: [serge] add nsown\_capable() helper per Bastian Blank suggestion
- > 02/16/2011: [serge] fix a logic bug: the root user is always creator of init\_user\_ns, but should not always have capabilities to it! Fix the check in cap\_capable().
- >
- > Signed-off-by: Eric W. Biederman <[ebiederm@xmission.com](mailto:ebiederm@xmission.com)>
- > Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <[serge.hallyn@canonical.com](mailto:serge.hallyn@canonical.com)>
- > ---
- > include/linux/capability.h | 10 ++++++---
- > include/linux/security.h | 25 ++++++
- > kernel/capability.c | 32 ++++++

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> security/apparmor/lsm.c | 5 +++-
> security/commoncap.c | 40 ++++++-----
> security/security.c | 16 ++++++-----
> security/selinux/hooks.c | 14 ++++++-----
> 7 files changed, 107 insertions(+), 35 deletions(-)
>
> diff --git a/include/linux/capability.h b/include/linux/capability.h
> index fb16a36..cb3d2d9 100644
> --- a/include/linux/capability.h
> +++ b/include/linux/capability.h
> @@ -544,7 +544,7 @@ extern const kernel_cap_t __cap_init_eff_set;
> *
> * Note that this does not set PF_SUPERPRIV on the task.
> */
> #define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), (cap)) == 0)
> +#define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)
>
> /**
> * has_capability_noaudit - Determine if a task has a superior capability available (unaudited)
> @@ -558,9 +558,15 @@ extern const kernel_cap_t __cap_init_eff_set;
> * Note that this does not set PF_SUPERPRIV on the task.
> */
> #define has_capability_noaudit(t, cap) \
> - (security_real_capable_noaudit((t), (cap)) == 0)
> + (security_real_capable_noaudit((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)
>
> +struct user_namespace;
> +extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
> extern int capable(int cap);
> +extern int ns_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, int cap);
> +extern int task_ns_capable(struct task_struct *t, int cap);
> +
> +#define nsown_capable(cap) (ns_capable(current_user_ns(), (cap)))
>
> /* audit system wants to get cap info from files as well */
> struct dentry;
> diff --git a/include/linux/security.h b/include/linux/security.h
> index b2b7f97..6bbee08 100644
> --- a/include/linux/security.h
> +++ b/include/linux/security.h
> @@ -46,13 +46,14 @@
>
> struct ctl_table;
> struct audit_krule;
> +struct user_namespace;
>
> /*
> * These functions are in security/capability.c and are used

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> * as the default capabilities functions
> */
> extern int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
> -      int cap, int audit);
> +      struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit);
> extern int cap_settime(struct timespec *ts, struct timezone *tz);
> extern int cap_ptrace_access_check(struct task_struct *child, unsigned int mode);
> extern int cap_ptrace_traceme(struct task_struct *parent);
> @@ -1254,6 +1255,7 @@ static inline void security_free_mnt_opts(struct security_mnt_opts
> *opts)
> * credentials.
> * @tsk contains the task_struct for the process.
> * @cred contains the credentials to use.
> + * @ns contains the user namespace we want the capability in
> * @cap contains the capability <include/linux/capability.h>.
> * @audit: Whether to write an audit message or not
> * Return 0 if the capability is granted for @tsk.
> @@ -1382,7 +1384,7 @@ struct security_operations {
>     const kernel_cap_t *inheritable,
>     const kernel_cap_t *permitted);
> int (*capable) (struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
> - int cap, int audit);
> + struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit);
> int (*sysctl) (struct ctl_table *table, int op);
> int (*quotactl) (int cmds, int type, int id, struct super_block *sb);
> int (*quota_on) (struct dentry *dentry);
> @@ -1662,9 +1664,9 @@ int security_capset(struct cred *new, const struct cred *old,
>     const kernel_cap_t *effective,
>     const kernel_cap_t *inheritable,
>     const kernel_cap_t *permitted);
> -int security_capable(const struct cred *cred, int cap);
> -int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap);
> -int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap);
> +int security_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, const struct cred *cred, int cap);
> +int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int cap);
> +int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int cap);
> int security_sysctl(struct ctl_table *table, int op);
> int security_quotactl(int cmds, int type, int id, struct super_block *sb);
> int security_quota_on(struct dentry *dentry);
> @@ -1856,28 +1858,29 @@ static inline int security_capset(struct cred *new,
>     return cap_capset(new, old, effective, inheritable, permitted);
> }
>
> -static inline int security_capable(const struct cred *cred, int cap)
> +static inline int security_capable(struct user_namespace *ns,
> +     const struct cred *cred, int cap)
> {
> - return cap_capable(current, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);

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> + return cap_capable(current, cred, ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
> }
>
> -static inline int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
> +static inline int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int
cap)
> {
> int ret;
>
> rcu_read_lock();
> - ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
> + ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
> rcu_read_unlock();
> return ret;
> }
>
> static inline
> -int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
> +int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)
> {
> int ret;
>
> rcu_read_lock();
> - ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), cap,
> + ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), ns, cap,
> SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
> rcu_read_unlock();
> return ret;
> diff --git a/kernel/capability.c b/kernel/capability.c
> index 9e9385f..916658c 100644
> --- a/kernel/capability.c
> +++ b/kernel/capability.c
> @@ -14,6 +14,7 @@
> #include <linux/security.h>
> #include <linux/syscalls.h>
> #include <linux/pid_namespace.h>
> +#include <linux/user_namespace.h>
> #include <asm/uaccess.h>
>
> /*
> @@ -301,15 +302,42 @@ error:
> */
> int capable(int cap)
> {
> + return ns_capable(&init_user_ns, cap);
> +}
> +EXPORT_SYMBOL(capable);
> +

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> +/**
> + * ns_capable - Determine if the current task has a superior capability in effect
> + * @ns: The usernamespace we want the capability in
> + * @cap: The capability to be tested for
> + *
> + * Return true if the current task has the given superior capability currently
> + * available for use, false if not.
> + *
> + * This sets PF_SUPERPRIV on the task if the capability is available on the
> + * assumption that it's about to be used.
> + */
> +int ns_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)
> +{
>   if (unlikely(!cap_valid(cap))) {
>     printk(KERN_CRIT "capable() called with invalid cap=%u\n", cap);
>     BUG();
>   }
>
>   - if (security_capable(current_cred(), cap) == 0) {
>   + if (security_capable(ns, current_cred(), cap) == 0) {
>     current->flags |= PF_SUPERPRIV;
>     return 1;
>   }
>   return 0;
> }
> -EXPORT_SYMBOL(capable);
> +EXPORT_SYMBOL(ns_capable);
> +
> +/**
> + * does current have capability 'cap' to the user namespace of task
> + * 't'. Return true if it does, false otherwise.
> + */
> +int task_ns_capable(struct task_struct *t, int cap)
> +{
>   + return ns_capable(task_cred_xxx(t, user)->user_ns, cap);
> +}
> +EXPORT_SYMBOL(task_ns_capable);
> diff --git a/security/apparmor/lsm.c b/security/apparmor/lsm.c
> index b7106f1..b37c2cd 100644
> --- a/security/apparmor/lsm.c
> +++ b/security/apparmor/lsm.c
> @@ -22,6 +22,7 @@
> #include <linux/ctype.h>
> #include <linux/sysctl.h>
> #include <linux/audit.h>
> +#include <linux/user_namespace.h>
> #include <net/sock.h>
>

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> #include "include/apparmor.h"
> @@ -136,11 +137,11 @@ static int apparmor_capget(struct task_struct *target, kernel_cap_t
*effective,
> }
>
> static int apparmor_capable(struct task_struct *task, const struct cred *cred,
> - int cap, int audit)
> + struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit)
> {
> struct aa_profile *profile;
> /* cap_capable returns 0 on success, else -EPERM */
> - int error = cap_capable(task, cred, cap, audit);
> + int error = cap_capable(task, cred, ns, cap, audit);
> if (!error) {
> profile = aa_cred_profile(cred);
> if (!unconfined(profile))
> diff --git a/security/commoncap.c b/security/commoncap.c
> index 64c2ed9..51fa9ec 100644
> --- a/security/commoncap.c
> +++ b/security/commoncap.c
> @@ -27,6 +27,7 @@
> #include <linux/sched.h>
> #include <linux/prctl.h>
> #include <linux/securebits.h>
> +#include <linux/user_namespace.h>
>
> /*
> * If a non-root user executes a setuid-root binary in
> @@ -68,6 +69,7 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(cap_netlink_recv);
> * cap_capable - Determine whether a task has a particular effective capability
> * @tsk: The task to query
> * @cred: The credentials to use
> + * @ns: The user namespace in which we need the capability
> * @cap: The capability to check for
> * @audit: Whether to write an audit message or not
> *
> @@ -79,10 +81,32 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(cap_netlink_recv);
> * cap_has_capability() returns 0 when a task has a capability, but the
> * kernel's capable() and has_capability() returns 1 for this case.
> */
> -int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred, int cap,
> - int audit)
> +int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
> + struct user_namespace *targ_ns, int cap, int audit)
> {
> - return cap_raised(cred->cap_effective, cap) ? 0 : -EPERM;
> + for (;;) {
> + /* The creator of the user namespace has all caps. */

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> + if (targ_ns != &init_user_ns && targ_ns->creator == cred->user)
> + return 0;
> +
> + /* Do we have the necessary capabilities? */
> + if (targ_ns == cred->user->user_ns)
> + return cap_raised(cred->cap_effective, cap) ? 0 : -EPERM;
> +
> + /* Have we tried all of the parent namespaces? */
> + if (targ_ns == &init_user_ns)
> + return -EPERM;
> +
> + /* If you have the capability in a parent user ns you have it
> + * in the over all children user namespaces as well, so see
> + * if this process has the capability in the parent user
> + * namespace.
> + */
> + targ_ns = targ_ns->creator->user_ns;
> + }
> +
> + /* We never get here */
> + return -EPERM;
> }
>
> /**
> @@ -177,7 +201,8 @@ static inline int cap_inh_is_capped(void)
> /* they are so limited unless the current task has the CAP_SETPCAP
> * capability
> */
> - if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SETPCAP,
> + if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(),
> + current_cred()->user->user_ns, CAP_SETPCAP,
> SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT) == 0)
> return 0;
> return 1;
> @@ -829,7 +854,8 @@ int cap_task_prctl(int option, unsigned long arg2, unsigned long arg3,
> & (new->securebits ^ arg2)) /*[1]*/
> || ((new->securebits & SECURE_ALL_LOCKS & ~arg2)) /*[2]*/
> || (arg2 & ~(SECURE_ALL_LOCKS | SECURE_ALL_BITS)) /*[3]*/
> - || (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SETPCAP,
> + || (cap_capable(current, current_cred(),
> + current_cred()->user->user_ns, CAP_SETPCAP,
> SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT) != 0) /*[4]*/
> /*
> * [1] no changing of bits that are locked
> @@ -894,7 +920,7 @@ int cap_vm_enough_memory(struct mm_struct *mm, long pages)
> {
> int cap_sys_admin = 0;
>

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> - if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
> + if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), &init_user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
> SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT) == 0)
> cap_sys_admin = 1;
> return __vm_enough_memory(mm, pages, cap_sys_admin);
> @@ -921,7 +947,7 @@ int cap_file_mmap(struct file *file, unsigned long reqprot,
> int ret = 0;
>
> if (addr < dac_mmap_min_addr) {
> - ret = cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SYS_RAWIO,
> + ret = cap_capable(current, current_cred(), &init_user_ns, CAP_SYS_RAWIO,
> SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
> /* set PF_SUPERPRIV if it turns out we allow the low mmap */
> if (ret == 0)
> diff --git a/security/security.c b/security/security.c
> index 7b7308a..7a6a0d0 100644
> --- a/security/security.c
> +++ b/security/security.c
> @@ -154,29 +154,33 @@ int security_capset(struct cred *new, const struct cred *old,
> effective, inheritable, permitted);
> }
>
> -int security_capable(const struct cred *cred, int cap)
> +int security_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, const struct cred *cred,
> + int cap)
> {
> - return security_ops->capable(current, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
> + return security_ops->capable(current, cred, ns, cap,
> + SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
> }
>
> -int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
> +int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns,
> + int cap)
> {
> const struct cred *cred;
> int ret;
>
> cred = get_task_cred(tsk);
> - ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
> + ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
> put_cred(cred);
> return ret;
> }
>
> -int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
> +int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk,
> + struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)

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> {
> const struct cred *cred;
> int ret;
>
> cred = get_task_cred(tsk);
> - ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
> + ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
> put_cred(cred);
> return ret;
> }
> diff --git a/security/selinux/hooks.c b/security/selinux/hooks.c
> index c8d6992..6dcda48 100644
> --- a/security/selinux/hooks.c
> +++ b/security/selinux/hooks.c
> @@ -77,6 +77,7 @@
> #include <linux/mutex.h>
> #include <linux/posix-timers.h>
> #include <linux/syslog.h>
> +#include <linux/user_namespace.h>
>
> #include "avc.h"
> #include "objsec.h"
> @@ -1423,6 +1424,7 @@ static int current_has_perm(const struct task_struct *tsk,
> /* Check whether a task is allowed to use a capability. */
> static int task_has_capability(struct task_struct *tsk,
>     const struct cred *cred,
> +     struct user_namespace *ns,
>     int cap, int audit)
> {
>     struct common_audit_data ad;
> @@ -1851,15 +1853,15 @@ static int selinux_capset(struct cred *new, const struct cred *old,
> /*
>
> static int selinux_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
> -     int cap, int audit)
> +     struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit)
> {
>     int rc;
>
> - rc = cap_capable(tsk, cred, cap, audit);
> + rc = cap_capable(tsk, cred, ns, cap, audit);
>     if (rc)
>         return rc;
>
> - return task_has_capability(tsk, cred, cap, audit);
> + return task_has_capability(tsk, cred, ns, cap, audit);
> }
>

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> static int selinux_sysctl_get_sid(ctl_table *table, u16 tclass, u32 *sid)
> @@ -2012,7 +2014,8 @@ static int selinux_vm_enough_memory(struct mm_struct *mm, long
pages)
> {
> int rc, cap_sys_admin = 0;
>
> - rc = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
> + rc = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(),
> + &init_user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
> SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
> if (rc == 0)
> cap_sys_admin = 1;
> @@ -2829,7 +2832,8 @@ static int selinux_inode_getsecurity(const struct inode *inode, const
char *name
> * and lack of permission just means that we fall back to the
> * in-core context value, not a denial.
> */
> - error = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_MAC_ADMIN,
> + error = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(),
> + &init_user_ns, CAP_MAC_ADMIN,
> SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
> if (!error)
> error = security_sid_to_context_force(isec->sid, &context,
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Subject: Re: users: targeted capabilities v5

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 03:53:37 GMT

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Andrew Morton <[akpm@linux-foundation.org](mailto:akpm@linux-foundation.org)> writes:

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> On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:02:24 +0000
> "Serge E. Hallyn" <serge@hallyn.com> wrote:
>
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>>
>> It fixes several things I was doing wrong in the last (v4)
>> posting, in particular:
>>
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>> 2. add a ipc_ns->user_ns which owns ipc_ns, and use that to
>> decide CAP_IPC_OWNER
>> 3. fix logic flaw caused by bad parantheses
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>> 4. allow do\_prlimit to current  
>> 5. don't always give root full privs to init\_user\_ns  
>>  
>> The expected course of development for user namespaces is laid out  
>> at <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/UserNamespace>.  
>  
> Seems like a nice feature to be developing.  
>  
> I worry about the maturity of it all at this stage. How far along is  
> it \*really\*?  
>  
> Is anyone else working with you on developing and reviewing this work?

I did a lot of the initial design and I have been reviewing as I have time.

Andrew at a practical level we have to merge this incrementally. Anything much bigger than Serge's current patchset will be too big to review. The first really bit step is making capabilities local to the user namespace, and that is what this patchset does along with using that localness in some good places.

Eric

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Subject: Re: usersns: targeted capabilities v5  
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Quoting Andrew Morton ([akpm@linux-foundation.org](mailto:akpm@linux-foundation.org)):

> On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:02:24 +0000  
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> it \*really\*?  
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Thanks, Andrew. I'm not sure what definition of 'maturity' you were looking for here. If you meant completeness of the feature, it's definitely not there. Of the goals for user namespaces sandboxing will be the quickest to mature. Completing that will largely be an exercise of running the breadth of the kernel looking for simple uid/gid comparisons and making them namespace aware.

The design has been meshed around (publicly) on and off for many years by eric and I. This particular patchset has gotten some great reviews by Eric Biederman and Bastian Blank (to who, unfortunately, to this day I cannot send a direct email - they're always bounced).

As Eric said, this feature will have to go in incrementally. Furthermore, each piece touches scary code so it's likely to go pretty slowly. My hope is less than a year for sandboxing, and two years for containers. It might go way faster, but experience tells me that's unlikely :)

thanks,  
-serge

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 5/9] Allow ptrace from non-init user namespaces  
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Quoting Eric W. Biederman (ebiederm@xmission.com):

> "Serge E. Hallyn" <serge@hallyn.com> writes:  
>  
> > ptrace is allowed to tasks in the same user namespace according to  
> > the usual rules (i.e. the same rules as for two tasks in the init

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> > user namespace). ptrace is also allowed to a user namespace to
> > which the current task the has CAP_SYS_PTRACE capability.
>
>
> I don't see how it can go wrong at the moment but
> same_or_ancestore_user_ns is too permissive and potentially inefficient.
> Can you please replace it with a simple user namespace equality check.
>
> Eric
>
>
> > Changelog:
> > Dec 31: Address feedback by Eric:
> > . Correct ptrace uid check
> > . Rename may_ptrace_ns to ptrace_capable
> > . Also fix the cap_ptrace checks.
> > Jan 1: Use const cred struct
> > Jan 11: use task_ns_capable() in place of ptrace_capable().
> >
> > Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serge.hallyn@canonical.com>
> > ---
> > include/linux/capability.h | 2 +
> > include/linux/user_namespace.h | 9 ++++++
> > kernel/ptrace.c | 27 ++++++++-----
> > kernel/user_namespace.c | 16 ++++++++
> > security/commoncap.c | 48 ++++++++-----
> > 5 files changed, 82 insertions(+), 20 deletions(-)
> >
> > diff --git a/include/linux/capability.h b/include/linux/capability.h
> > index cb3d2d9..bc0f262 100644
> > --- a/include/linux/capability.h
> > +++ b/include/linux/capability.h
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> >
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> > +
> > /**
> >  * has_capability_noaudit - Determine if a task has a superior capability available (unaudited)
> >  * @t: The task in question
> > diff --git a/include/linux/user_namespace.h b/include/linux/user_namespace.h
> > index faf4679..862fc59 100644
> > --- a/include/linux/user_namespace.h
> > +++ b/include/linux/user_namespace.h
> > @@ -39,6 +39,9 @@ static inline void put_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
> > uid_t user_ns_map_uid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, uid_t uid);
> > gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, gid_t gid);

```

```

>>
>> +int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
>> + struct task_struct *victim);
>> +
>> #else
>>
>> static inline struct user_namespace *get_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
>> @@ -66,6 +69,12 @@ static inline gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to,
>> return gid;
>> }
>>
>> +static inline int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
>> + struct task_struct *victim)
>> +{
>> + return 1;
>> +}
>> +
>> #endif
>>
>> #endif /* _LINUX_USER_H */
>> diff --git a/kernel/ptrace.c b/kernel/ptrace.c
>> index 1708b1e..cde4655 100644
>> --- a/kernel/ptrace.c
>> +++ b/kernel/ptrace.c
>> @@ -134,21 +134,24 @@ int __ptrace_may_access(struct task_struct *task, unsigned int
mode)
>> return 0;
>> rcu_read_lock();
>> tcred = __task_cred(task);
>> - if ((cred->uid != tcred->euid ||
>> - cred->uid != tcred->suid ||
>> - cred->uid != tcred->uid ||
>> - cred->gid != tcred->egid ||
>> - cred->gid != tcred->sgid ||
>> - cred->gid != tcred->gid) &&
>> - !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE)) {
>> - rcu_read_unlock();
>> - return -EPERM;
>> -}
>> + if (cred->user->user_ns == tcred->user->user_ns &&
>> + (cred->uid == tcred->euid &&
>> + cred->uid == tcred->suid &&
>> + cred->uid == tcred->uid &&
>> + cred->gid == tcred->egid &&
>> + cred->gid == tcred->sgid &&
>> + cred->gid == tcred->gid))
>> + goto ok;
>> + if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))

```

```

>> + goto ok;
>> + rcu_read_unlock();
>> + return -EPERM;
>> +ok:
>> rcu_read_unlock();
>> smp_rmb();
>> if (task->mm)
>> dumpable = get_dumpable(task->mm);
>> - if (!dumpable && !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>> + if (!dumpable && !task_ns_capable(task, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>> return -EPERM;
>>
>> return security_ptrace_access_check(task, mode);
>> @@ -198,7 +201,7 @@ int ptrace_attach(struct task_struct *task)
>> goto unlock_tasklist;
>>
>> task->ptrace = PT_PTRACED;
>> - if (capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>> + if (task_ns_capable(task, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>> task->ptrace |= PT_PTRACE_CAP;
>>
>> __ptrace_link(task, current);
>> diff --git a/kernel/user_namespace.c b/kernel/user_namespace.c
>> index 9da289c..0ef2258 100644
>> --- a/kernel/user_namespace.c
>> +++ b/kernel/user_namespace.c
>> @@ -129,6 +129,22 @@ gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct
cred *cred, gid_t
>> return overflowgid;
>> }
>>
>> +int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
>> + struct task_struct *victim)
>> +{
>> + struct user_namespace *u1 = task_cred_xxx(task, user)->user_ns;
>> + struct user_namespace *u2 = task_cred_xxx(victim, user)->user_ns;
>> + for (;;) {
>> + if (u1 == u2)
>> + return 1;
>> + if (u1 == &init_user_ns)
>> + return 0;
>> + u1 = u1->creator->user_ns;
>> + }
>> + /* We never get here */
>> + return 0;
>> +}
>> +
>> static __init int user_namespaces_init(void)

```

```

>> {
>> user_ns_cachep = KMEM_CACHE(user_namespace, SLAB_PANIC);
>> diff --git a/security/commoncap.c b/security/commoncap.c
>> index 51fa9ec..12ff65c 100644
>> --- a/security/commoncap.c
>> +++ b/security/commoncap.c
>> @@ -130,18 +130,34 @@ int cap_settime(struct timespec *ts, struct timezone *tz)
>> * @child: The process to be accessed
>> * @mode: The mode of attachment.
>> *
>> + * If we are in the same or an ancestor user_ns and have all the target
>> + * task's capabilities, then ptrace access is allowed.
>> + * If we have the ptrace capability to the target user_ns, then ptrace
>> + * access is allowed.
>> + * Else denied.
>> + *
>> * Determine whether a process may access another, returning 0 if permission
>> * granted, -ve if denied.
>> */
>> int cap_ptrace_access_check(struct task_struct *child, unsigned int mode)
>> {
>> int ret = 0;
>> + const struct cred *cred, *tcred;
>>
>> rcu_read_lock();
>> - if (!cap_issubset(__task_cred(child)->cap_permitted,
>> -   current_cred()->cap_permitted) &&
>> -   !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>> - ret = -EPERM;
>> + cred = current_cred();
>> + tcred = __task_cred(child);
>> + /*
>> + * The ancestor user_ns check may be gratuitous, as I think
>> + * we've already guaranteed that in kernel/ptrace.c.
>> + */
>> + if (same_or_ancestor_user_ns(current, child) &&
>> +   cap_issubset(tcred->cap_permitted, cred->cap_permitted))
>> + goto out;
>>
>> I have commented on this before but I took a good hard look this time,
>> and can comment more intelligently.

```

Thanks, Eric.

```

> The cap_issubset check is for the case where we don't use the
> CAP_SYS_PTRACE capability, as such is only valid in the same user
> namespace. Furthermore capabilities really are not comparable between
> different user namespaces. So can you please replace the

```

> same\_or\_ancestor\_user\_ns with a simple namespace equality check.  
> Having the wrong logic in here will just be confusing in the future.

I see. You're right, what's there is conceptually not quite right.  
So I think we can just do:

```
if (current_user_ns() == tcred->user->userns) &&  
    cap_issubset(child, current)  
    goto out;  
if ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE)  
    goto out;
```

This suffices since  
root in an ancestor ns will have CAP\_SYS\_PTRACE  
the user who created the user\_ns will have CAP\_SYS\_PTRACE

Any user in an ancestor ns who does not have CAP\_SYS\_PTRACE will  
be denied.

> Also could you name tcred child\_cread I think that would be clearer in  
> the test below.

Yes, will do, that'll be clearer. Thanks.

```
> > + if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))  
> > + goto out;  
> > + ret = -EPERM;  
> > +out:  
> > rcu_read_unlock();  
> > return ret;  
>
```

> I also find it strange that we allow CAP\_SYS\_PTRACE to allow us to  
> ptrace processes with more capabilities than ourselves. But that is an  
> entirely different issue.

I concur. I'm pretty sure it must stay, but it does feel icky.

I'll send out a new version

thanks  
-serge

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/9] Add a user\_namespace as creator/owner of uts\_namespace

Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 16:57:41 GMT

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On 02/17/2011 04:02 PM, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

> copy\_process() handles CLONE\_NEWUSER before the rest of the  
> namespaces. So in the case of clone(CLONE\_NEWUSER|CLONE\_NEWUTS)  
> the new uts namespace will have the new user namespace as its  
> owner. That is what we want, since we want root in that new  
> usersns to be able to have privilege over it.

>

> Changelog:

> Feb 15: don't set uts\_ns->user\_ns if we didn't create  
> a new uts\_ns.

>

> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn<serge.hallyn@canonical.com>

Acked-by: Daniel Lezcano <daniel.lezcano@free.fr>

A couple of comments.

> ---

> include/linux/utsname.h | 3 +++  
> init/version.c | 2 ++  
> kernel/nsproxy.c | 5 +++++  
> kernel/user.c | 8 ++++++--  
> kernel/utsname.c | 4 ++++  
> 5 files changed, 20 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)

>

> diff --git a/include/linux/utsname.h b/include/linux/utsname.h

> index 69f3997..85171be 100644

> --- a/include/linux/utsname.h

> +++ b/include/linux/utsname.h

> @@ -37,9 +37,12 @@ struct new\_utsname {

> #include<linux/nsproxy.h>

> #include<linux/err.h>

>

> +struct user\_namespace;

> +

> struct uts\_namespace {

> struct kref kref;

> struct new\_utsname name;

> + struct user\_namespace \*user\_ns;

> };

> extern struct uts\_namespace init\_uts\_ns;

>

> diff --git a/init/version.c b/init/version.c

> index adff586..97bb86f 100644



```

> --- a/init/version.c
> +++ b/init/version.c
> @@ -21,6 +21,7 @@ extern int version_string(LINUX_VERSION_CODE);
> int version_string(LINUX_VERSION_CODE);
> #endif
>
> +extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
> struct uts_namespace init_uts_ns = {
> .kref = {
> .refcount = ATOMIC_INIT(2),
> @@ -33,6 +34,7 @@ struct uts_namespace init_uts_ns = {
> .machine = UTS_MACHINE,
> .domainname = UTS_DOMAINNAME,
> },
> + .user_ns =&init_user_ns,
> };
> EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(init_uts_ns);
>
> diff --git a/kernel/nsproxy.c b/kernel/nsproxy.c
> index f74e6c0..034dc2e 100644
> --- a/kernel/nsproxy.c
> +++ b/kernel/nsproxy.c
> @@ -74,6 +74,11 @@ static struct nsproxy *create_new_namespaces(unsigned long flags,
> err = PTR_ERR(new_nsp->uts_ns);
> goto out_uts;
> }
> + if (new_nsp->uts_ns != tsk->nsproxy->uts_ns) {
> + put_user_ns(new_nsp->uts_ns->user_ns);
> + new_nsp->uts_ns->user_ns = task_cred_xxx(tsk, user)->user_ns;
> + get_user_ns(new_nsp->uts_ns->user_ns);
> + }

```

IMO you should add a comment telling this code assume create\_user\_ns was called before (via copy\_cred).

```

>
> new_nsp->ipc_ns = copy_ipcs(flags, tsk->nsproxy->ipc_ns);
> if (IS_ERR(new_nsp->ipc_ns)) {

```

[ ... ]

```

> static struct uts_namespace *create_uts_ns(void)
> {
> @@ -40,6 +41,8 @@ static struct uts_namespace *clone_uts_ns(struct uts_namespace
*old_ns)
>
> down_read(&uts_sem);
> memcpy(&ns->name,&old_ns->name, sizeof(ns->name));

```

```
> + ns->user_ns = old_ns->user_ns;
> + get_user_ns(ns->user_ns);

ns->user_ns = get_user_ns(old_ns->user_ns);
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/9] security: Make capabilities relative to the user namespace.

Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 23:44:50 GMT

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On 02/17/2011 04:03 PM, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

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>   user namespace.
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> namespaces. It looks like this gets us 90% of the way there, with
> only potential uid confusion issues left.
>
> I still need to handle getting all caps after creation but otherwise I
> think I have a good starter patch that achieves all of your goals.
>
> Changelog:
> 11/05/2010: [serge] add apparmor
> 12/14/2010: [serge] fix capabilities to created user namespaces
> Without this, if user serge creates a user_ns, he won't have
> capabilities to the user_ns he created. This is because we
> were first checking whether his effective caps had the caps
> he needed and returning -EPERM if not, and THEN checking whether
> he was the creator. Reverse those checks.
> 12/16/2010: [serge] security_real_capable needs ns argument in !security case
> 01/11/2011: [serge] add task_ns_capable helper
> 01/11/2011: [serge] add nsown_capable() helper per Bastian Blank suggestion
> 02/16/2011: [serge] fix a logic bug: the root user is always creator of
>   init_user_ns, but should not always have capabilities to
>   it! Fix the check in cap_capable().
>
> Signed-off-by: Eric W. Biederman<ebiederm@xmission.com>
> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn<serge.hallyn@canonical.com>
> ---
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Acked-by: Daniel Lezcano <daniel.lezcano@free.fr>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 3/9] allow sethostname in a container  
Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 23:46:15 GMT  
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On 02/17/2011 04:03 PM, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:  
> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn<serge.hallyn@canonical.com>  
> ---  
Acked-by: Daniel Lezcano <daniel.lezcano@free.fr>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/9] Add a user\_namespace as creator/owner of  
uts\_namespace  
Posted by [akpm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 23:59:12 GMT  
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On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:02:57 +0000  
"Serge E. Hallyn" <serge@hallyn.com> wrote:

> +/\*  
> + \* userns count is 1 for root user, 1 for init\_uts\_ns,  
> + \* and 1 for... ?  
> + \*/

?

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/9] security: Make capabilities relative to the user  
namespace.  
Posted by [akpm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 23:59:18 GMT  
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On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:03:06 +0000

"Serge E. Hallyn" <serge@hallyn.com> wrote:

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> *
> * Note that this does not set PF_SUPERPRIV on the task.
> */
> #define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), (cap)) == 0)
> #define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)
>
> /**
> * has_capability_noaudit - Determine if a task has a superior capability available (unaudited)
> @@ -558,9 +558,15 @@ extern const kernel_cap_t __cap_init_eff_set;
> * Note that this does not set PF_SUPERPRIV on the task.
> */
> #define has_capability_noaudit(t, cap) \
> - (security_real_capable_noaudit((t), (cap)) == 0)
> + (security_real_capable_noaudit((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)
>
> +struct user_namespace;
> +extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
```

Two icky-should-be-written-in-C macros which reference `init_user_ns`, followed by the declaration of `init_user_ns` and its type. Declarations which duplicate those in other header files. It's ripe for some upcleaning, methinks?

Also, please ensure that the forward struct declarations are all at top-of-file (as in `include/linux/security.h`). Otherwise we can end up accumulating multiple forward declarations of the same thing in the one file.

```

> extern int capable(int cap);
> +extern int ns_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, int cap);
> +extern int task_ns_capable(struct task_struct *t, int cap);
> +
> +#define nsown_capable(cap) (ns_capable(current_user_ns(), (cap)))

```

macroitis!

```

> @@ -301,15 +302,42 @@ error:
> */
> int capable(int cap)
> {
> + return ns_capable(&init_user_ns, cap);
> +}
> +EXPORT_SYMBOL(capable);
> +
> +/**
> + * ns_capable - Determine if the current task has a superior capability in effect
> + * @ns: The usernamespace we want the capability in
> + * @cap: The capability to be tested for
> + *
> + * Return true if the current task has the given superior capability currently
> + * available for use, false if not.

```

Actually it doesn't return true or false - it returns 1 or 0. Using a `bool` return type would fix the comment :)

```

> + * This sets PF_SUPERPRIV on the task if the capability is available on the
> + * assumption that it's about to be used.
> + */
> +int ns_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)
> +{
> + if (unlikely(!cap_valid(cap))) {
> + printk(KERN_CRIT "capable() called with invalid cap=%u\n", cap);
> + BUG();
> + }
> +
> - if (security_capable(current_cred(), cap) == 0) {
> + if (security_capable(ns, current_cred(), cap) == 0) {
> + current->flags |= PF_SUPERPRIV;
> + return 1;
> + }
> + return 0;
> + }
> -EXPORT_SYMBOL(capable);
> +EXPORT_SYMBOL(ns_capable);
> +

```

```

> +/*
> + * does current have capability 'cap' to the user namespace of task
> + * 't'. Return true if it does, false otherwise.
> + */

```

Other comments were kerneldocified.

```

> +int task_ns_capable(struct task_struct *t, int cap)
> +{
> + return ns_capable(task_cred_xxx(t, user)->user_ns, cap);
> +}
> +EXPORT_SYMBOL(task_ns_capable);

```

Could return bool.

```

>
> ...
>
> +int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
> + struct user_namespace *targ_ns, int cap, int audit)
> + {
> - return cap_raised(cred->cap_effective, cap) ? 0 : -EPERM;
> + for (;;) {
> + /* The creator of the user namespace has all caps. */
> + if (targ_ns != &init_user_ns && targ_ns->creator == cred->user)
> + return 0;
> +
> + /* Do we have the necessary capabilities? */
> + if (targ_ns == cred->user->user_ns)
> + return cap_raised(cred->cap_effective, cap) ? 0 : -EPERM;
> +
> + /* Have we tried all of the parent namespaces? */
> + if (targ_ns == &init_user_ns)
> + return -EPERM;
> +
> + /* If you have the capability in a parent user ns you have it
> + * in the over all children user namespaces as well, so see
> + * if this process has the capability in the parent user
> + * namespace.
> + */
> + targ_ns = targ_ns->creator->user_ns;
> + }
> +
> + /* We never get here */
> + return -EPERM;

```

So delete the code? Or does the compiler warn? If so, it's pretty busted.

```
> }
>
> /**
>
> ...
>
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/9] allow killing tasks in your own or child usersns  
Posted by [akpm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 23:59:21 GMT  
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On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:03:25 +0000  
"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

```
> /**
> + * called with RCU read lock from check_kill_permission()
> + */
> +static inline int kill_ok_by_cred(struct task_struct *t)
> +{
> + const struct cred *cred = current_cred();
> + const struct cred *tcred = __task_cred(t);
> +
> + if (cred->user->user_ns == tcred->user->user_ns &&
> +     (cred->euid == tcred->suid ||
> +      cred->euid == tcred->uid ||
> +      cred->uid == tcred->suid ||
> +      cred->uid == tcred->uid))
> + return 1;
> +
> + if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_KILL))
> + return 1;
> +
> + return 0;
> +}
```

The compiler will inline this for us.

```
> +/**
> + * Bad permissions for sending the signal
> + * - the caller must hold the RCU read lock
> + */
> + static int check_kill_permission(int sig, struct siginfo *info,
```

```

> struct task_struct *t)
> {
> - const struct cred *cred, *tcred;
> struct pid *sid;
> int error;
>
> @@ -656,14 +676,8 @@ static int check_kill_permission(int sig, struct siginfo *info,
> if (error)
> return error;
>
> - cred = current_cred();
> - tcred = __task_cred(t);
> if (!same_thread_group(current, t) &&
> - (cred->euid ^ tcred->suid) &&
> - (cred->euid ^ tcred->uid) &&
> - (cred->uid ^ tcred->suid) &&
> - (cred->uid ^ tcred->uid) &&
> - !capable(CAP_KILL)) {
> + !kill_ok_by_cred(t)) {
> switch (sig) {
> case SIGCONT:
> sid = task_session(t);

```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 5/9] Allow ptrace from non-init user namespaces

Posted by [akpm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 23:59:25 GMT

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On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:03:33 +0000

"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

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> ptrace is allowed to tasks in the same user namespace according to
> the usual rules (i.e. the same rules as for two tasks in the init
> user namespace). ptrace is also allowed to a user namespace to
> which the current task the has CAP_SYS_PTRACE capability.
>
>
> ...
>
> --- a/include/linux/capability.h
> +++ b/include/linux/capability.h
> @@ -546,6 +546,8 @@ extern const kernel_cap_t __cap_init_eff_set;
> */

```



```
> #define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)
>
> +#define has_ns_capability(t, ns, cap) (security_real_capable((t), (ns), (cap)) == 0)
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macroitis.

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> index faf4679..862fc59 100644
> --- a/include/linux/user_namespace.h
> +++ b/include/linux/user_namespace.h
> @@ -39,6 +39,9 @@ static inline void put_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
> uid_t user_ns_map_uid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, uid_t uid);
> gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, gid_t gid);
>
> +int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
> + struct task_struct *victim);
```

bool.

```
> #else
>
> static inline struct user_namespace *get_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
>
> ...
>
> --- a/kernel/user_namespace.c
> +++ b/kernel/user_namespace.c
> @@ -129,6 +129,22 @@ gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred
> *cred, gid_t
> return overflowgid;
> }
>
> +int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
> + struct task_struct *victim)
> +{
> + struct user_namespace *u1 = task_cred_xxx(task, user)->user_ns;
> + struct user_namespace *u2 = task_cred_xxx(victim, user)->user_ns;
> + for (;;) {
> + if (u1 == u2)
> + return 1;
> + if (u1 == &init_user_ns)
> + return 0;
> + u1 = u1->creator->user_ns;
> + }
> + /* We never get here */
```

```
> + return 0;
```

Remove?

```
> +}
> +
> static __init int user_namespaces_init(void)
> {
>     user_ns_cachep = KMEM_CACHE(user_namespace, SLAB_PANIC);
>
> ...
>
> int cap_ptrace_access_check(struct task_struct *child, unsigned int mode)
> {
>     int ret = 0;
>     + const struct cred *cred, *tcred;
>
>     rcu_read_lock();
>     - if (!cap_issubset(__task_cred(child)->cap_permitted,
>     -     current_cred()->cap_permitted) &&
>     -     !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>     - ret = -EPERM;
>     + cred = current_cred();
>     + tcred = __task_cred(child);
>     + /*
>     + * The ancestor user_ns check may be gratuitous, as I think
>     + * we've already guaranteed that in kernel/ptrace.c.
>     + */
```

?

```
> + if (same_or_ancestor_user_ns(current, child) &&
> +     cap_issubset(tcred->cap_permitted, cred->cap_permitted))
> +     goto out;
> + if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
> +     goto out;
> + ret = -EPERM;
> +out:
>     rcu_read_unlock();
>     return ret;
> }
>
> ...
>
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 6/9] user namespaces: convert all capable checks in kernel/sys.c

Posted by [akpm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 23:59:28 GMT

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On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:03:42 +0000

"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

```
> This allows setuid/setgid in containers. It also fixes some
> corner cases where kernel logic foregoes capability checks when
> uids are equivalent. The latter will need to be done throughout
> the whole kernel.
>
>
> ...
>
> --- a/kernel/sys.c
> +++ b/kernel/sys.c
> @@ -118,17 +118,29 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(cad_pid);
>
> void (*pm_power_off_prepare)(void);
>
> +/* called with rcu_read_lock, creds are safe */
> +static inline int set_one_prio_perm(struct task_struct *p)
> +{
> + const struct cred *cred = current_cred(), *pcred = __task_cred(p);
> +
> + if (pcred->user->user_ns == cred->user->user_ns &&
> +     (pcred->uid == cred->euid ||
> +      pcred->euid == cred->euid))
> + return 1;
> + if (ns_capable(pcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_NICE))
> + return 1;
> + return 0;
> +}
```

uninline. Document return value?

```
>
> ...
>
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 7/9] add a user namespace owner of ipc ns

Posted by [akpm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 23:59:31 GMT

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On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:03:49 +0000

"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

```
>
> ...
>
> --- a/include/linux/ipc_namespace.h
> +++ b/include/linux/ipc_namespace.h
> @@ -24,6 +24,7 @@ struct ipc_ids {
> struct idr ipcs_idr;
> };
>
> +struct user_namespace;
```

Move to top of file.

```
> struct ipc_namespace {
> atomic_t count;
> struct ipc_ids ids[3];
> @@ -56,6 +57,8 @@ struct ipc_namespace {
> unsigned int mq_msg_max; /* initialized to DFLT_MSGMAX */
> unsigned int mq_msgsize_max; /* initialized to DFLT_MSGSIZEMAX */
>
> + /* user_ns which owns the ipc ns */
> + struct user_namespace *user_ns;
> };
>
> extern struct ipc_namespace init_ipc_ns;
> diff --git a/ipc/msgutil.c b/ipc/msgutil.c
> index f095ee2..d91ff4b 100644
> --- a/ipc/msgutil.c
> +++ b/ipc/msgutil.c
> @@ -20,6 +20,8 @@
>
> DEFINE_SPINLOCK(mq_lock);
>
> +extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
```

Should be declared in .h, not in .c.

```
> /*
```

> \* The next 2 defines are here bc this is the only file  
> \* compiled when either CONFIG\_SYSVIPC and CONFIG\_POSIX\_MQUEUE  
>  
> ...  
>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 9/9] userns: check user namespace for task-&gt;file uid equivalence checks  
Posted by [akpm](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2011 23:59:35 GMT  
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On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:04:07 +0000  
"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

> Cheat for now and say all files belong to init\_user\_ns. Next  
> step will be to let superblocks belong to a user\_ns, and derive  
> inode\_userns(inode) from inode->i\_sb->s\_user\_ns. Finally we'll  
> introduce more flexible arrangements.

>  
>  
> ...  
>  
> +  
> +/\*  
> + \* return 1 if current either has CAP\_FOWNER to the  
> + \* file, or owns the file.  
> + \*/  
> +int is\_owner\_or\_cap(const struct inode \*inode)  
> +{  
> + struct user\_namespace \*ns = inode\_userns(inode);  
> +  
> + if (current\_user\_ns() == ns && current\_fsuid() == inode->i\_uid)  
> + return 1;  
> + if (ns\_capable(ns, CAP\_FOWNER))  
> + return 1;  
> + return 0;  
> +}

bool?

> +EXPORT\_SYMBOL(is\_owner\_or\_cap);

There's a fairly well adhered to convention that global symbols (and often static symbols) have a prefix which identifies the subsystem to which they belong. This patchset rather scorns that convention.

Most of these identifiers are pretty obviously from the capability subsystem, but still...

>  
> ...  
>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 6/9] user namespaces: convert all capable checks in kernel/sys.c  
Posted by [akpm](#) on Sat, 19 Feb 2011 00:01:24 GMT  
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On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:03:42 +0000  
"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

```
> @@ -1177,8 +1189,11 @@ SYSCALL_DEFINE2(sethostname, char __user *, name, int, len)
> int errno;
> char tmp[__NEW_UTS_LEN];
>
> - if (!ns_capable(current->nsproxy->uts_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> + if (!ns_capable(current->nsproxy->uts_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
> + printk(KERN_NOTICE "%s: did not have CAP_SYS_ADMIN\n", __func__);
> return -EPERM;
> + }
> + printk(KERN_NOTICE "%s: did have CAP_SYS_ADMIN\n", __func__);
> if (len < 0 || len > __NEW_UTS_LEN)
> return -EINVAL;
> down_write(&uts_sem);
```

Left over debugging printks?

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/9] allow killing tasks in your own or child users

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Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Sat, 19 Feb 2011 10:55:01 GMT

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On 02/17/2011 04:03 PM, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

- > Changelog:
- > Dec 8: Fixed bug in my check\_kill\_permission pointed out by
- > Eric Biederman.
- > Dec 13: Apply Eric's suggestion to pass target task into kill\_ok\_by\_cred()
- > for clarity
- > Dec 31: address comment by Eric Biederman:
- > don't need cred/tcred in check\_kill\_permission.
- > Jan 1: use const cred struct.
- > Jan 11: Per Bastian Blank's advice, clean up kill\_ok\_by\_cred().
- > Feb 16: kill\_ok\_by\_cred: fix bad parentheses
- >
- > Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn<serge.hallyn@canonical.com>

Acked-by: Daniel Lezcano <daniel.lezcano@free.fr>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 5/9] Allow ptrace from non-init user namespaces

Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Sat, 19 Feb 2011 17:49:47 GMT

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On 02/17/2011 04:03 PM, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

- > ptrace is allowed to tasks in the same user namespace according to
- > the usual rules (i.e. the same rules as for two tasks in the init
- > user namespace). ptrace is also allowed to a user namespace to
- > which the current task the has CAP\_SYS\_PTRACE capability.
- >

> Changelog:

- > Dec 31: Address feedback by Eric:
- > . Correct ptrace uid check
- > . Rename may\_ptrace\_ns to ptrace\_capable
- > . Also fix the cap\_ptrace checks.
- > Jan 1: Use const cred struct
- > Jan 11: use task\_ns\_capable() in place of ptrace\_capable().
- >
- > Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn<serge.hallyn@canonical.com>

Acked-by: Daniel Lezcano <daniel.lezcano@free.fr>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 6/9] user namespaces: convert all capable checks in kernel/sys.c

Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Sat, 19 Feb 2011 17:52:46 GMT

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On 02/17/2011 04:03 PM, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

> This allows setuid/setgid in containers. It also fixes some  
> corner cases where kernel logic foregoes capability checks when  
> uids are equivalent. The latter will need to be done throughout  
> the whole kernel.  
>  
> Changelog:  
> Jan 11: Use nsown\_capable() as suggested by Bastian Blank.  
> Jan 11: Fix logic errors in uid checks pointed out by Bastian.  
> Feb 15: allow prlimit to current (was regression in previous version)  
>  
> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn<serge.hallyn@canonical.com>

Acked-by: Daniel Lezcano <daniel.lezcano@free.fr>

>  
> - if (!ns\_capable(current->nsproxy->uts\_ns->user\_ns, CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN))  
> + if (!ns\_capable(current->nsproxy->uts\_ns->user\_ns, CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN)) {  
> + printk(KERN\_NOTICE "%s: did not have CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN\n", \_\_func\_\_);  
> return -EPERM;  
> + }  
> + printk(KERN\_NOTICE "%s: did have CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN\n", \_\_func\_\_);

A couple of printk left here.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 7/9] add a user namespace owner of ipc ns

Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Sat, 19 Feb 2011 17:57:25 GMT

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On 02/17/2011 04:03 PM, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

> Changelog:  
> Feb 15: Don't set new ipc->user\_ns if we didn't create a new



> ipc\_ns.  
>  
> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn<serge.hallyn@canonical.com>  
> ---

Acked-by: Daniel Lezcano <daniel.lezcano@free.fr>

[ ... ]

```
> + ns->user_ns = old_ns->user_ns;  
> + get_user_ns(ns->user_ns);
```

A mindless change.

```
ns->user_ns = get_user_ns(old_ns->user_ns);
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 8/9] user namespaces: convert several capable() calls  
Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Sat, 19 Feb 2011 19:07:56 GMT  
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On 02/17/2011 04:03 PM, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:  
> CAP\_IPC\_OWNER and CAP\_IPC\_LOCK can be checked against current\_user\_ns(),  
> because the resource comes from current's own ipc namespace.  
>  
> setuid/setgid are to uids in own namespace, so again checks can be  
> against current\_user\_ns().  
>  
> Changelog:  
> Jan 11: Use task\_ns\_capable() in place of sched\_capable().  
> Jan 11: Use nsown\_capable() as suggested by Bastian Blank.  
> Jan 11: Clarify (hopefully) some logic in futex and sched.c  
> Feb 15: use ns\_capable for ipc, not nsown\_capable  
>  
> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn<serge.hallyn@canonical.com>  
> ---

Acked-by: Daniel Lezcano <daniel.lezcano@free.fr>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 9/9] userns: check user namespace for task->file uid equivalence checks

Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Sat, 19 Feb 2011 19:22:39 GMT

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On 02/17/2011 04:04 PM, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

> Cheat for now and say all files belong to init\_user\_ns. Next  
> step will be to let superblocks belong to a user\_ns, and derive  
> inode\_userns(inode) from inode->i\_sb->s\_user\_ns. Finally we'll  
> introduce more flexible arrangements.

>

> Changelog:

> Feb 15: make is\_owner\_or\_cap take const struct inode

>

> Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn<[serge.hallyn@canonical.com](mailto:serge.hallyn@canonical.com)>

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Acked-by: Daniel Lezcano <[daniel.lezcano@free.fr](mailto:daniel.lezcano@free.fr)>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/9] security: Make capabilities relative to the user namespace.

Posted by [David Howells](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 11:40:09 GMT

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Serge E. Hallyn <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

```
> int (*capable) (struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,  
> - int cap, int audit);  
> + struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit);
```

Hmmm... A chunk of the contents of the cred struct are user-namespaced. Could you add the user\_namespace pointer to the cred struct and thus avoid passing it as an argument to other things.

In fact, I think you probably have to do this so that cachefiles, for example, can override the user namespace when it operates on behalf of a process that's in another namespace.

In fact, looking later on in your patch, I see:

```
> - || (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SETPCAP,  
> + || (cap_capable(current, current_cred(),  
> + current_cred()->user->user_ns, CAP_SETPCAP,
```

so the user\_ns \_is\_ already available through the creds. So is there really a need to pass it as an argument to anything that already takes a cred?

```
> * @cred contains the credentials to use.  
> + * @ns contains the user namespace we want the capability in  
> * @cap contains the capability <include/linux/capability.h>.
```

That should be tabbed to match the lines either side.

David

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/9] security: Make capabilities relative to the user namespace.

Posted by [David Howells](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 12:01:57 GMT

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David Howells <dhowells@redhat.com> wrote:

```
>> int (*capable) (struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,  
>> - int cap, int audit);  
>> + struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit);  
>  
> Hmm... A chunk of the contents of the cred struct are user-namespaced.  
> Could you add the user_namespace pointer to the cred struct and thus avoid  
> passing it as an argument to other things.
```

Ah, no... Ignore that, I think I see that you do need it.

```
> +int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,  
> + struct user_namespace *targ_ns, int cap, int audit)  
> {  
> - return cap_raised(cred->cap_effective, cap) ? 0 : -EPERM;  
> + for (;;) {  
> + /* The creator of the user namespace has all caps. */  
> + if (targ_ns != &init_user_ns && targ_ns->creator == cred->user)  
> + return 0;
```

Why is that last comment so? Why should the creating namespace sport all

possible capabilities? Do you have to have all capabilities available to you to be permitted create a new user namespace?

Also, would it be worth having a separate `cap_ns_capable()`? Wouldn't most calls to `cap_capable()` only be checking the caps granted in the current user namespace?

David

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Subject: User namespaces and keys  
Posted by [David Howells](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 12:05:29 GMT  
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I guess we need to look at how to mix keys and namespaces again.

Possibly the trickiest problem with keys is how to upcall key construction to `/sbin/request-key` when the keys may be of a different user namespace.

David

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/9] security: Make capabilities relative to the user namespace.  
Posted by [serge](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 13:43:52 GMT  
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Quoting David Howells (dhowells@redhat.com):  
> David Howells <dhowells@redhat.com> wrote:  
>  
>>> int (\*capable) (struct task\_struct \*tsk, const struct cred \*cred,  
>>> - int cap, int audit);  
>>> + struct user\_namespace \*ns, int cap, int audit);  
>>  
>> Hmm... A chunk of the contents of the cred struct are user-namespaced.  
>> Could you add the user\_namespace pointer to the cred struct and thus avoid  
>> passing it as an argument to other things.  
>  
> Ah, no... Ignore that, I think I see that you do need it.

Thanks for reviewing, David.

```
> > +int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
> > + struct user_namespace *targ_ns, int cap, int audit)
> > {
> > - return cap_raised(cred->cap_effective, cap) ? 0 : -EPERM;
> > + for (;;) {
> > + /* The creator of the user namespace has all caps. */
> > + if (targ_ns != &init_user_ns && targ_ns->creator == cred->user)
> > + return 0;
>
> Why is that last comment so? Why should the creating namespace sport all
> possible capabilities? Do you have to have all capabilities available to you
> to be permitted create a new user namespace?
```

It's not the creating namespace, but the creating user, which has all caps.

So for instance, if uid 500 in `init_user_ns` creates a namespace, then:

- a. uid 500 in `init_user_ns` has all caps to the child `user_ns`, so it can kill the tasks in the `usersns`, clean up, etc.
- b. uid X in any other child `user_ns` has no caps to the child `user_ns`.
- c. root in `init_user_ns` has whatever capabilities are in his pE to the child `user_ns`. Again, this is so that the admin in any `user_ns` can clean up any messes made by users in his `user_ns`.

One of the goals of the user namespaces is to make it safe to allow unprivileged users to create child user namespaces in which they have targeted privilege. Anything which happens in that child user namespace should be:

- a. constrained to resources which the user can control anyway
- b. able to be cleaned up by the user
- c. (especially) able to be cleaned up by the privileged user in the parent `user_ns`.

```
> Also, would it be worth having a separate cap_ns_capable()? Wouldn't most
> calls to cap_capable() only be checking the caps granted in the current user
> namespace?
```

Hm. There is `nsown_capable()` which is targeted to `current_usersns()`, but that still needs to enable the caps for the privileged ancestors as described above.

thanks,  
-serge

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Subject: Re: User namespaces and keys  
Posted by [serge](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 13:58:14 GMT  
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Quoting David Howells (dhowells@redhat.com):

>  
> I guess we need to look at how to mix keys and namespaces again.

>From strictly kernel pov, at the moment, keys are strictly usable only by the user in your own user namespace.

We may want to look at this again, but for now I think that would be a safe enough default. Later, we'll probably want the user creating a child\_user\_ns to allow his keys to be inherited by the child user\_ns. Though, as I type that, it seems to me that that'll just become a maintenance pain, and it's just plain safer to have the user re-enter his keys, sharing them over a file if needed.

I'm going to not consider the TPM at the moment :)

> Possibly the trickiest problem with keys is how to upcall key construction to  
> /sbin/request-key when the keys may be of a different user namespace.

Hm, jinkeys, yes.

-serge

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Subject: Re: User namespaces and keys  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 14:46:00 GMT  
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"Serge E. Hallyn" <serge@hallyn.com> writes:

> Quoting David Howells (dhowells@redhat.com):

>>  
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>  
>>From strictly kernel pov, at the moment, keys are strictly usable only

> by the user in your own user namespace.  
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> maintenance pain, and it's just plain safer to have the user re-enter  
> his keys, sharing them over a file if needed.  
>  
> I'm going to not consider the TPM at the moment :)  
>  
>> Possibly the trickiest problem with keys is how to upcall key construction to  
>> /sbin/request-key when the keys may be of a different user namespace.  
>  
> Hm, jinkeys, yes.

Serge short term this is where I think we need to add a check or two so that keys only work in the init\_user\_ns. When the rest of the details are sorted out we can open up the use of keys some more.

As the first stage of converting the network stack we added patches that turned off everything in non init namespaces. Those patches were trivial and easy to review, and it made the conversion process a lot easier. I suspect for keys and possibly security modules and anything else that does is related we want to turn off by default.

Then once the core of user namespaces is safe to unshare without privilege we can come back and get the more difficult bits.

Eric

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Posted by [David Howells](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 15:06:14 GMT  
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That depends what you mean by 'allow his keys to be inherited'. Do you mean copying all the creator's keys en mass? You may find all you need to do is to provide the new intended user with a new session keyring with a link back to the creator's session keyring.

> Though, as I type that, it seems to me that that'll just become a  
> maintenance pain, and it's just plain safer to have the user re-enter  
> his keys,

That would certainly be simpler.



> sharing them over a file if needed.

I'm not sure what you mean by that. Do you mean some sort of cred passing similar to that that can be done over AF\_UNIX sockets with fds?

> I'm going to not consider the TPM at the moment :)

I'm not sure the TPM is that much of a problem, assuming you're just referring to its keystore capability...

David

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Subject: Re: User namespaces and keys  
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-serge

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/9] security: Make capabilities relative to the user namespace.

Posted by [David Howells](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 16:59:19 GMT

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"... in the over all children user namespaces ..." I think need a couple of words dropping.

David

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 5/9] Allow ptrace from non-init user namespaces

Posted by [David Howells](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 17:05:41 GMT

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Serge E. Hallyn <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

> ptrace is allowed to tasks in the same user namespace according to

There's a verb missing after 'allowed to' - presumably 'trace'.

David

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 5/9] Allow ptrace from non-init user namespaces  
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Serge E. Hallyn <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

```
> +int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,  
> + struct task_struct *victim)  
> +{  
> + struct user_namespace *u1 = task_cred_xxx(task, user)->user_ns;  
> + struct user_namespace *u2 = task_cred_xxx(victim, user)->user_ns;
```

Hmmm. task\_cred\_xxx() uses task->real\_cred, which is correct for victim (the object), but normally you'd use task->cred for task (the subject). However, in this case, I think it's probably okay.

David

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/9] Add a user\_namespace as creator/owner of uts\_namespace  
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Serge E. Hallyn <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

```
> struct uts_namespace {  
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> struct new_utsname name;  
> + struct user_namespace *user_ns;  
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```

If a uts\_namespace belongs to a user\_namespace, should CLONE\_NEWUSER then imply CLONE\_NEWUTS?

Or is uts\_namespace::user\_ns more an implication that the set of users in user\_namespace are the only ones authorised to alter the uts data.

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With that in mind, looking at patch 3:

```
- if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+ if (!ns_capable(current->nsproxy->uts_ns->user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
```

what is it you're actually asking? I presume it's 'does this user have CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN capability over objects belonging to the uts\_namespace's user\_namespace?'

So, to look at the important bit of patch 2:

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+ targ_ns = targ_ns->creator->user_ns;
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```

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On entry, as we're called from `ns_capable()`, `cred->user` is the user that the current process is running as, and, as such, may be in a separate namespace from `uts_namespace` - which may itself be in a separate namespace from `init_user_ns`.

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Which means that unless the `uts_namespace` belongs to our `user_namespace`, we cannot change it. Is that correct?

So `ns_capable()` restricts you to only doing interesting things to objects that belong to a `user_namespace` if they are in your own `user_namespace`. Is that correct?

If that is so, is the loop required for `ns_capable()`?

Looking further at patch 2:

```
#define nsown_capable(cap) (ns_capable(current_user_ns(), (cap)))
```

Given what I've said above, I presume the loop isn't necessary here either.

I think you're using `ns_capable()` in two different ways:

- (1) You're using it to see if a process has power over its descendents in a `user_namespace` that can be traced back to a `clone()` that it did with `CLONE_NEWUSER`.

For example, automatically granting a process permission to kill

descendents in a namespace it created.

(2) You're using it to see if a process can access objects that might be outside its own user\_namespace.

For example, setting the hostname.

Is it worth giving two different interfaces to make this clearer (even if they actually do the same thing)?

Sorry if this seems rambly, but I'm trying to get my head round your code.

David

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Subject: Re: User namespaces and keys  
Posted by [Casey Schaufler](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 19:24:20 GMT  
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Casey I won't argue about the possibility of things being strained, but I think if we focus on the semantics and not on the end goal of exactly how the pieces are to be used there can be some reasonable dialog.

>From 10,000 feet an user namespace represents one administrative domain. uids, gids and other external tokens are all controlled by a single group with a single security policy. In that single administrative domain things like nfs are expected to work without translating uids and gids. Before the implementation of user namespaces a single kernel could not even express the ability of dealing with multiple user namespaces simultaneously (nfs has usually punted and said despite being multiple machines you still have to be in the same administrative domain so the same user identifiers can be used throughout).

>From that principle we have the concept that use assigned/visible identifiers uid, gid, capabilities, security keys?, security labels? logically belong to the user namespace.

Which means in implementing there are two pieces of work in implementing the user namespace.

- Find all of the interesting comparisons and change them from "if (id == id)" to "if (userns == userns) && (id == id)".
- Potentially define and handle what happens when you mix user namespaces.

I think for the first round of this we simply want to define lsms and the user namespace as not mixing or the lsm interfaces only being visible if you are in the initial user namespace. Thus reserving the definition of what happens when you have lsms and multiple user namespaces as something we can define later. I expect the proper definition is something that would allow nested lsm policy.

Regardless. The namespaces are all about making the identifiers that processes deal with local to the namespace, while the underlying object manipulations should not care.

The big advantage of the user namespace is that it is the only way I can see to get us out of the bind we are in with suid root executables, where we can not enable new features to untrusted applications that can change the environment for a suid root executable, because it might confuse those suid root executables to misusing their power. Once inside a user namespace nothing has dangerous powers because even a root owned process with a full set of capabilities is less powerful than a guest user outside of the namespace. No process having dangerous powers allows us to enable unsharing of other namespaces and potentially other things that today are restricted with capabilities only because they can be used to confuse a privileged executable to do something malicious.

Eric

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```

So we have the nested stack of:

```

user_ns3->creator->user_ns == user_ns2
user_ns2->creator->user_ns == &init_user_ns
uts_ns2->user_ns == user_ns2

```

```

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```

Initially we come in with targ\_ns == user\_ns2 and cred->user->user\_ns in one of (user\_ns3, user\_ns2, or &init\_user\_ns).

targ\_ns takes on values user\_ns2 and &init\_user\_ns.

So when targ\_ns becomes &init\_user\_ns. If the user in question is uts\_ns2->user\_ns->creator. This check will indeed match.

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```

As before targ\_ns takes on values of user\_ns2 and &init\_user\_ns.

Which means this check will match if we have CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN in &init\_user\_ns or in user\_ns2.

> Which means that unless the uts\_namespace belongs to our user\_namespace, we  
> cannot change it. Is that correct?

No. If you are root in a parent namespace you can also change it.

> So ns\_capable() restricts you to only doing interesting things to objects that  
> belong to a user\_namespace if they are in your own user\_namespace. Is that  
> correct?

No. Root outside your user namespace is also allowed to do interesting things.

> If that is so, is the loop required for ns\_capable()?

Yes.

> Looking further at patch 2:

>  
> #define nsown\_capable(cap) (ns\_capable(current\_user\_ns(), (cap)))

>  
> Given what I've said above, I presume the loop isn't necessary here either.

>  
>  
> I think you're using ns\_capable() in two different ways:

>  
> (1) You're using it to see if a process has power over its descendents in a  
> user\_namespace that can be traced back to a clone() that it did with  
> CLONE\_NEWUSER.

>  
> For example, automatically granting a process permission to kill  
> descendents in a namespace it created.

>  
> (2) You're using it to see if a process can access objects that might be  
> outside its own user\_namespace.

>  
> For example, setting the hostname.

>  
> Is it worth giving two different interfaces to make this clearer (even if they  
> actually do the same thing)?

>  
>

> Sorry if this seems rambly, but I'm trying to get my head round your  
> code.

I am all for making that loop a little clearer, because it is something you have to pause and think about to understand but so far I don't think the loop is wrong, and it is simple.

Eric

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Subject: Re: User namespaces and keys  
Posted by [Casey Schaufler](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 21:37:16 GMT  
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On 2/23/2011 12:55 PM, Eric W. Biederman wrote:  
> Casey Schaufler <[casey@schaufler-ca.com](mailto:casey@schaufler-ca.com)> writes:  
>

>> I confess that I remain less well educated on namespaces than  
>> I probably should be, but with what I do know it seems that the  
>> relationships between user namespaces and LSMs are bound to be  
>> strained from the beginning. Some LSMs (SELinux and Smack) are  
>> providing similar sandbox capabilities to what you get from user  
>> namespaces, but from different directions and with different  
>> use cases.

> Casey I won't argue about the possibility of things being strained, but  
> I think if we focus on the semantics and not on the end goal of exactly  
> how the pieces are to be used there can be some reasonable dialog.

I'm sure that there will be cases where they will work together like horses in a troika. Making sensible semantics for the interactions is key, and it is entirely possible that in some cases a comparison of semantics and behaviors will lead an end user to chose either an LSM or namespaces over the combination. Just like I expect that even when we allow multiple LSMs the SELinux and Smack combination will be rare among the sane.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/9] Add a user\_namespace as creator/owner of

uts\_namespace

Posted by [David Howells](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 23:19:08 GMT

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Eric W. Biederman <ebiederm@xmission.com> wrote:

> > Which means that unless the uts\_namespace belongs to our user\_namespace, we  
> > cannot change it. Is that correct?

>

> No. If you are root in a parent namespace you can also change it.

But surely, by definition, if you're a user in this namespace, you can't also be root in a parent namespace...

For the case I worked through current\_user() is a member of current\_user\_ns() and can't also be a member of its parent, grandparent, etc. - or can it?

David

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/9] Add a user\_namespace as creator/owner of uts\_namespace

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 23:54:12 GMT

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David Howells <dhowells@redhat.com> writes:

> Eric W. Biederman <ebiederm@xmission.com> wrote:

>

>> > Which means that unless the uts\_namespace belongs to our user\_namespace, we  
>> > cannot change it. Is that correct?

>>

>> No. If you are root in a parent namespace you can also change it.

>

> But surely, by definition, if you're a user in this namespace, you can't also  
> be root in a parent namespace...

To be clear the case you looked at was:

> - if (!capable(CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN))

> + if (!ns\_capable(current->nsproxy->uts\_ns->user\_ns, CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN))

>

> what is it you're actually asking? I presume it's 'does this user have

> CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN capability over objects belonging to the uts\_namespace's



> user\_namespace?'

Here "current->nsproxy->uts\_ns->user\_ns" (the target\_ns value) is only refers to the uts\_ns we are talking about.

The user itself comes from current\_user().

> For the case I worked through current\_user() is a member of current\_user\_ns()  
> and can't also be a member of its parent, grandparent, etc. - or can  
> it?

Right now if you are looking at current\_user() because of limitations in the creation ordering I think you are correct.

However in the near term pile of changes to merge, are the syscalls for joining an existing namespace. At which point there is no reason in general to suppose the current limitations of creation apply.

Although it is conceivable that unshare of namespaces can also get you to someplace similar to joining preexisting namespaces.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 5/9] Allow ptrace from non-init user namespaces  
Posted by [serge](#) on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 00:43:37 GMT  
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Quoting Andrew Morton (akpm@linux-foundation.org):

> On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:03:33 +0000  
> "Serge E. Hallyn" <serge@hallyn.com> wrote:  
>  
>> ptrace is allowed to tasks in the same user namespace according to  
>> the usual rules (i.e. the same rules as for two tasks in the init  
>> user namespace). ptrace is also allowed to a user namespace to  
>> which the current task the has CAP\_SYS\_PTRACE capability.  
>>  
>>  
>> ...  
>>  
>> --- a/include/linux/capability.h  
>> +++ b/include/linux/capability.h  
>> @@ -546,6 +546,8 @@ extern const kernel\_cap\_t \_\_cap\_init\_eff\_set;  
>> \*/

```

>> #define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)
>>
>> +#define has_ns_capability(t, ns, cap) (security_real_capable((t), (ns), (cap)) == 0)
>
> macroitis.

```

Thanks for the review, Andrew. Unfortunately this one is hard to turn into a function because it uses `security_real_capable()`, which is sometimes defined in `security/security.c` as a real function, and other times as a static inline in `include/linux/security.h`. So I'd have to `#include security.h` in `capability.h`, but `security.h` already `#includes capability.h`.

All the other comments affect `same_or_ancestor_user_ns()`, which following Eric's feedback is going away.

```

>> /**
>> * has_capability_noaudit - Determine if a task has a superior capability available (unaudited)
>> * @t: The task in question
>> diff --git a/include/linux/user_namespace.h b/include/linux/user_namespace.h
>> index faf4679..862fc59 100644
>> --- a/include/linux/user_namespace.h
>> +++ b/include/linux/user_namespace.h
>> @@ -39,6 +39,9 @@ static inline void put_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
>> uid_t user_ns_map_uid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, uid_t uid);
>> gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, gid_t gid);
>>
>> +int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
>> + struct task_struct *victim);
>
> bool.
>
>> #else
>>
>> static inline struct user_namespace *get_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
>>
>> ...
>>
>> --- a/kernel/user_namespace.c
>> +++ b/kernel/user_namespace.c
>> @@ -129,6 +129,22 @@ gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct
>> cred *cred, gid_t
>> return overflowgid;
>> }
>>
>> +int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
>> + struct task_struct *victim)
>> +{

```

```

>> + struct user_namespace *u1 = task_cred_xxx(task, user)->user_ns;
>> + struct user_namespace *u2 = task_cred_xxx(victim, user)->user_ns;
>> + for (;;) {
>> +   if (u1 == u2)
>> +     return 1;
>> +   if (u1 == &init_user_ns)
>> +     return 0;
>> +   u1 = u1->creator->user_ns;
>> + }
>> + /* We never get here */
>> + return 0;
>
> Remove?
>
>> +}
>> +
>> static __init int user_namespaces_init(void)
>> {
>>   user_ns_cachep = KMEM_CACHE(user_namespace, SLAB_PANIC);
>>
>> ...
>>
>> int cap_ptrace_access_check(struct task_struct *child, unsigned int mode)
>> {
>>   int ret = 0;
>> + const struct cred *cred, *tcred;
>>
>>   rcu_read_lock();
>> - if (!cap_issubset(__task_cred(child)->cap_permitted,
>> -   current_cred()->cap_permitted) &&
>> -   !capable(CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>> -   ret = -EPERM;
>> + cred = current_cred();
>> + tcred = __task_cred(child);
>> + /*
>> + * The ancestor user_ns check may be gratuitous, as I think
>> + * we've already guaranteed that in kernel/ptrace.c.
>> + */
>
> ?
>
>> + if (same_or_ancestor_user_ns(current, child) &&
>> +   cap_issubset(tcred->cap_permitted, cred->cap_permitted))
>> +   goto out;
>> + if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
>> +   goto out;
>> + ret = -EPERM;
>> +out:

```

```
>> rcu_read_unlock();
>> return ret;
>> }
>>
>> ...
>>
>
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/9] allow killing tasks in your own or child usersns

Posted by [serge](#) on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 00:48:18 GMT

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Quoting Andrew Morton ([akpm@linux-foundation.org](mailto:akpm@linux-foundation.org)):

> On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:03:25 +0000

> "Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

```
>
>> /*
>> + * called with RCU read lock from check_kill_permission()
>> + */
>> +static inline int kill_ok_by_cred(struct task_struct *t)
>> +{
>> + const struct cred *cred = current_cred();
>> + const struct cred *tcred = __task_cred(t);
>> +
>> + if (cred->user->user_ns == tcred->user->user_ns &&
>> +     (cred->euid == tcred->suid ||
>> +      cred->euid == tcred->uid ||
>> +      cred->uid == tcred->suid ||
>> +      cred->uid == tcred->uid))
>> + return 1;
>> +
>> + if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_KILL))
>> + return 1;
>> +
>> + return 0;
>> +}
>
> The compiler will inline this for us.
```

Is that simply true with everything (worth inlining) nowadays, or is there a particular implicit hint to the compiler that'll make that happen?

Not that I guess it's even particularly important in this case.

From: Serge E. Hallyn <serge.hallyn@canonical.com>

Date: Thu, 24 Feb 2011 00:26:02 +0000

Subject: [PATCH 1/2] userns: let compiler inline kill\_ok\_by\_cred (per akpm)

Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serge.hallyn@canonical.com>

---

kernel/signal.c | 2 +-  
1 files changed, 1 insertions(+), 1 deletions(-)

diff --git a/kernel/signal.c b/kernel/signal.c

index ffe4bdf..12702b4 100644

--- a/kernel/signal.c

+++ b/kernel/signal.c

@@ -638,7 +638,7 @@ static inline bool si\_fromuser(const struct siginfo \*info)

/\*

\* called with RCU read lock from check\_kill\_permission()

\*/

-static inline int kill\_ok\_by\_cred(struct task\_struct \*t)

+static int kill\_ok\_by\_cred(struct task\_struct \*t)

{

const struct cred \*cred = current\_cred();

const struct cred \*tcred = \_\_task\_cred(t);

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Subject: [PATCH] userns: ptrace: incorporate feedback from Eric

Posted by [serge](#) on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 00:49:01 GMT

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same\_or\_ancestore\_user\_ns() was not an appropriate check to constrain cap\_issubset. Rather, cap\_issubset() only is meaningful when both capsets are in the same user\_ns.

Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serge.hallyn@canonical.com>

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include/linux/user\_namespace.h | 9 -----

kernel/user\_namespace.c | 16 -----

security/commoncap.c | 28 ++++++++-----

3 files changed, 10 insertions(+), 43 deletions(-)

```

diff --git a/include/linux/user_namespace.h b/include/linux/user_namespace.h
index 862fc59..faf4679 100644
--- a/include/linux/user_namespace.h
+++ b/include/linux/user_namespace.h
@@ -39,9 +39,6 @@ static inline void put_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
uid_t user_ns_map_uid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, uid_t uid);
gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred *cred, gid_t gid);

-int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
- struct task_struct *victim);
-
-#else

static inline struct user_namespace *get_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
@@ -69,12 +66,6 @@ static inline gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to,
return gid;
}

-static inline int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
- struct task_struct *victim)
- {
- return 1;
- }
-
-#endif

#endif /* _LINUX_USER_H */
diff --git a/kernel/user_namespace.c b/kernel/user_namespace.c
index 0ef2258..9da289c 100644
--- a/kernel/user_namespace.c
+++ b/kernel/user_namespace.c
@@ -129,22 +129,6 @@ gid_t user_ns_map_gid(struct user_namespace *to, const struct cred
*cred, gid_t
return overflowgid;
}

-int same_or_ancestor_user_ns(struct task_struct *task,
- struct task_struct *victim)
- {
- struct user_namespace *u1 = task_cred_xxx(task, user)->user_ns;
- struct user_namespace *u2 = task_cred_xxx(victim, user)->user_ns;
- for (;;) {
- if (u1 == u2)
- return 1;
- if (u1 == &init_user_ns)
- return 0;
- u1 = u1->creator->user_ns;
- }

```

```

- /* We never get here */
- return 0;
-}
-
static __init int user_namespaces_init(void)
{
    user_ns_cachep = KMEM_CACHE(user_namespace, SLAB_PANIC);
diff --git a/security/commoncap.c b/security/commoncap.c
index 12ff65c..526106f 100644
--- a/security/commoncap.c
+++ b/security/commoncap.c
@@ -142,19 +142,15 @@ int cap_settime(struct timespec *ts, struct timezone *tz)
int cap_ptrace_access_check(struct task_struct *child, unsigned int mode)
{
    int ret = 0;
- const struct cred *cred, *tcred;
+ const struct cred *cred, *child_cred;

    rcu_read_lock();
    cred = current_cred();
- tcred = __task_cred(child);
- /*
-  * The ancestor user_ns check may be gratuitous, as I think
-  * we've already guaranteed that in kernel/ptrace.c.
-  */
- if (same_or_ancestor_user_ns(current, child) &&
-     cap_issubset(tcred->cap_permitted, cred->cap_permitted))
+ child_cred = __task_cred(child);
+ if (cred->user->user_ns == child_cred->user->user_ns &&
+     cap_issubset(child_cred->cap_permitted, cred->cap_permitted))
    goto out;
- if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
+ if (ns_capable(child_cred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
    goto out;
    ret = -EPERM;
out:
@@ -178,19 +174,15 @@ out:
int cap_ptrace_traceme(struct task_struct *parent)
{
    int ret = 0;
- const struct cred *cred, *tcred;
+ const struct cred *cred, *child_cred;

    rcu_read_lock();
    cred = __task_cred(parent);
- tcred = current_cred();
- /*
-  * The ancestor user_ns check may be gratuitous, as I think

```

```

- * we've already guaranteed that in kernel/ptrace.c.
- */
- if (same_or_ancestor_user_ns(parent, current) &&
-     cap_issubset(tcred->cap_permitted, cred->cap_permitted))
+ child_cred = current_cred();
+ if (cred->user->user_ns == child_cred->user->user_ns &&
+     cap_issubset(child_cred->cap_permitted, cred->cap_permitted))
    goto out;
- if (has_ns_capability(parent, tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
+ if (has_ns_capability(parent, child_cred->user->user_ns, CAP_SYS_PTRACE))
    goto out;
    ret = -EPERM;
out:
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/9] allow killing tasks in your own or child users  
Posted by [akpm](#) on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 00:54:30 GMT  
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On Thu, 24 Feb 2011 00:48:18 +0000  
"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

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> Quoting Andrew Morton (akpm@linux-foundation.org):
> > On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:03:25 +0000
> > "Serge E. Hallyn" <serge@hallyn.com> wrote:
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> > + const struct cred *cred = current_cred();
> > + const struct cred *tcred = __task_cred(t);
> > +
> > + if (cred->user->user_ns == tcred->user->user_ns &&
> > +     (cred->euid == tcred->suid ||
> > +     cred->euid == tcred->uid ||
> > +     cred->uid == tcred->suid ||
> > +     cred->uid == tcred->uid))
> > + return 1;
> > +

```



```
> > > + if (ns_capable(tcred->user->user_ns, CAP_KILL))
> > > + return 1;
> > > +
> > > + return 0;
> > > +}
> >
> > The compiler will inline this for us.
>
> Is that simply true with everything (worth inlining) nowadays, or is
> there a particular implicit hint to the compiler that'll make that
> happen?
```

We've basically stopped inlining things nowadays. gcc inlines aggressively and sometimes we have to use noinline to stop it. Also, modern gcc's like to ignore the inline directive anyway, so we have to resort to `__always_inline` when we disagree.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH] userns: ptrace: incorporate feedback from Eric  
Posted by [akpm](#) on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 00:56:51 GMT  
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On Thu, 24 Feb 2011 00:49:01 +0000  
"Serge E. Hallyn" <[serge@hallyn.com](mailto:serge@hallyn.com)> wrote:

```
> same_or_ancestore_user_ns() was not an appropriate check to
> constrain cap_issubset. Rather, cap_issubset() only is
> meaningful when both capsets are in the same user_ns.
```

I queued this as a fix against  
userns-allow-pttrace-from-non-init-user-namespaces.patch, but I get the  
feeling that it would be better to just drop everything and start  
again?

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Subject: Re: [PATCH] userns: ptrace: incorporate feedback from Eric

Posted by [serge](#) on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 03:15:18 GMT

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Quoting Andrew Morton (akpm@linux-foundation.org):

> On Thu, 24 Feb 2011 00:49:01 +0000

> "Serge E. Hallyn" <serge@hallyn.com> wrote:

>

> > same\_or\_ancestore\_user\_ns() was not an appropriate check to

> > constrain cap\_issubset. Rather, cap\_issubset() only is

> > meaningful when both capsets are in the same user\_ns.

>

> I queued this as a fix against

> userns-allow-pttrace-from-non-init-user-namespaces.patch, but I get the

> feeling that it would be better to just drop everything and start

> again?

Sure, I'll rebase and resend. I wonder if I should trim the Cc list for the next round.

thanks,

-serge

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 9/9] userns: check user namespace for task-&gt;file uid equivalence checks

Posted by [serge](#) on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 03:24:16 GMT

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Quoting Andrew Morton (akpm@linux-foundation.org):

> On Thu, 17 Feb 2011 15:04:07 +0000

> "Serge E. Hallyn" <serge@hallyn.com> wrote:

>

> > Cheat for now and say all files belong to init\_user\_ns. Next

> > step will be to let superblocks belong to a user\_ns, and derive

> > inode\_userns(inode) from inode->i\_sb->s\_user\_ns. Finally we'll

> > introduce more flexible arrangements.

>>

>>

>> ...

>>

>> +

>> +/\*

>> + \* return 1 if current either has CAP\_FOWNER to the

>> + \* file, or owns the file.

```
> > + */
> > +int is_owner_or_cap(const struct inode *inode)
> > +{
> > + struct user_namespace *ns = inode_userns(inode);
> > +
> > + if (current_user_ns() == ns && current_fsuid() == inode->i_uid)
> > + return 1;
> > + if (ns_capable(ns, CAP_FOWNER))
> > + return 1;
> > + return 0;
> > +}
>
> bool?
>
> > +EXPORT_SYMBOL(is_owner_or_cap);
>
> There's a fairly well adhered to convention that global symbols (and
> often static symbols) have a prefix which identifies the subsystem to
> which they belong. This patchset rather scorns that convention.
>
> Most of these identifiers are pretty obviously from the capability
> subsystem, but still...
```

Would 'inode\_owner\_or\_capable' be better and and make sense?

-serge

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 9/9] userns: check user namespace for task-&gt;file uid  
equivalence checks

Posted by [akpm](#) on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 05:08:08 GMT

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> Quoting Andrew Morton (akpm@linux-foundation.org):
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> >
> > Most of these identifiers are pretty obviously from the capability
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> > subsystem, but still...  
>  
> Would 'inode\_owner\_or\_capable' be better and and make sense?  
>

I suppose so. We've totally screwed that pooch in the VFS (grep EXPORT fs/inode.c). But it's never to late to start.

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Subject: Re: User namespaces and keys  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 06:56:01 GMT  
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Casey Schaufler <[casey@schaufler-ca.com](mailto:casey@schaufler-ca.com)> writes:

> On 2/23/2011 12:55 PM, Eric W. Biederman wrote:  
>> Casey Schaufler <[casey@schaufler-ca.com](mailto:casey@schaufler-ca.com)> writes:  
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>>> I confess that I remain less well educated on namespaces than  
>>> I probably should be, but with what I do know it seems that the  
>>> relationships between user namespaces and LSMs are bound to be  
>>> strained from the beginning. Some LSMs (SELinux and Smack) are  
>>> providing similar sandbox capabilities to what you get from user  
>>> namespaces, but from different directions and with different  
>>> use cases.  
>> Casey I won't argue about the possibility of things being strained, but  
>> I think if we focus on the semantics and not on the end goal of exactly  
>> how the pieces are to be used there can be some reasonable dialog.  
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> I'm sure that there will be cases where they will work together  
> like horses in a troika. Making sensible semantics for the interactions  
> is key, and it is entirely possible that in some cases a comparison  
> of semantics and behaviors will lead an end user to chose either an  
> LSM or namespaces over the combination. Just like I expect that even  
> when we allow multiple LSMs the SELinux and Smack combination will be  
> rare among the sane.

That sounds about right.

Eric

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