
Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 1/2] add user namespace [try #2]
Posted by [Herbert Poetzl](#) on Sat, 16 Sep 2006 14:19:02 GMT
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On Sat, Sep 16, 2006 at 04:09:31PM +0400, Kirill Korotaev wrote:

> >>> Plus what other namespaces are on the todo list?
> >>> We have network, and pid, and time.
> >>
> >> I think more.
> >>
> >> proc-ns,
> >> sysfs-ns,
> >> printk-ns or syslog-ns?: syslog should be virtualized
> >> and more...
> >
> >
> > I don't think those meet the criteria for namespaces.
> > But certainly there is work we need to do there.
> Well, it is hard to say what is the criteria...
>
> >> semi-namespaces:
> >> fs-ns (should regulate which filesystems are accessible from container, but
> >> probably this is not exact name space... need to think over...),
>
> > I think the problem there is the same as allowing untrusted users the ability
> > to mount filesystems, in which case we just tag filesystems that are safe
> > for untrusted users to use.
> You need some grouping mechanisms, don't you?
> Say, I need to allow iso9660 for containers 1,2,5,6
> and ext3 for containers 2,3,4,5
>
> >> dev-ns (should regulate which devices are accessible from container)
> > Yes. Devices certainly have global names that we need to bring under
> > control. The easy solution is just to limit CAP_SYS_MKNOD but we
> > may need something more.
>
> CAP_SYS_MKNOD is not an option.

removing that is sufficient for Linux-VServer as is
but we have some plans for a better solution, in the
future ...

> Can you please propose how to organize it?
>
> You can check how it is implemented in OpenVZ in kernel/vcalls.c
> devperms_struct
> real_get_device_perms_ve()
> real_setdevperms()

>
> BTW, taking a look near this code, I found another bunch of
> interesting functionality - statistics (e.g. real_update_load_avg_ve).
>
> Though load avg statistics logically belong to pspace namespace there
> is a lot of other stats which can not be associated so easily with the
> namespaces.

most of them can be combined with the accounting or
limit namespace IMHO, at least that is true for
Linux-VServer

but don't get me wrong, I think we need a lot more
different namespaces in the future, very similar to
the cap requirements, which should get a lot more
fine grained than they are right now ...

best,
Herbert

> > One of the pieces that needs consideration when it comes to
> > permissions is the plan9 style of permission control. Where file
> > have an initial owner, and if someone else needs access to them
> > you chmod, chown them so that everyone who needs to has access. I
> > think that is a simpler model to get right than to have a bunch of
> > special cases.
> it is Linux :)

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> Thanks,
> Kirill

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