
Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH] Use task_pgrp()/task_session() in copy_process
Posted by [Dave Hansen](#) on Thu, 11 Jan 2007 18:04:29 GMT
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On Thu, 2007-01-11 at 07:58 -0800, Sukadev Bhattiprolu wrote:

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> =====  
> --- lx26-20-rc2-mm1.orig/kernel/fork.c 2007-01-11 07:18:03.383853328 -0800  
> +++ lx26-20-rc2-mm1/kernel/fork.c 2007-01-11 07:19:55.550801360 -0800  
> @@ -1248,8 +1248,13 @@ static struct task_struct *copy_process(  
>     p->signal->tty = current->signal->tty;  
>     p->signal->pgrp = process_group(current);  
>     set_signal_session(p->signal, process_session(current));  
> - find_attach_pid(p, PIDTYPE_PGID, process_group(p));  
> - find_attach_pid(p, PIDTYPE_SID, process_session(p));  
> + if (current->pid) {  
> +     attach_pid(p, PIDTYPE_PGID, task_pgrp(current));  
> +     attach_pid(p, PIDTYPE_SID, task_session(current));  
> + } else {  
> +     find_attach_pid(p, PIDTYPE_PGID, process_group(current));  
> +     find_attach_pid(p, PIDTYPE_SID, process_session(current));  
> + }  
>  
>     list_add_tail_rcu(&p->tasks, &init_task.tasks);  
>     __get_cpu_var(process_counts)++;
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I know I've asked this before (and I know I'm going to ask it again), but why do we need both task_pgrp() and process_group() to both have similar-sounding names and both take the same kind of argument? :) This stuff really needs to get cleaned up. It makes reviewing these patches much harder.

In general, you should keep the hacks (which this is) to boot and init-time stuff. If you can initialize a structure so that it plays nicely for the rest of its life, do that. Don't put special cases in common code that everybody will have to look at.

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> Since task_pid() task_pgrp(), task_session() for the swapper are NULL, I  
> had to treat swapper as special in this patch and would like some comments.
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Can you do some research and find out why these are NULL, and why they need to be kept NULL?

-- Dave

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