

---

Subject: Re: Q: hardcoded parameters and restrictions

Posted by [dev](#) on Thu, 24 Aug 2006 11:27:53 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Dmitry V. Levin wrote:

> Hi,

>

> On Tue, Aug 22, 2006 at 03:06:56PM +0400, Kirill Korotaev wrote:

>

>>Hello Dmitry,

>>

>>

>>>vzctl contains a few hardcoded parameters and restrictions which need to be

>>>converted into configurable vps.conf parameters.

>>>In particular, I mean HOME and PATH environment variables,

>>

>>do you mean HOME and PATH which are provided to VPS init?

>

>

> Yes, I mean VPS init, vzctl exec and vzctl enter.

>

>

>>mmm, probably can be made configurable from vps.conf

>>do you think it is required?

>

>

> I think this is required since each distro has own PATH policy.

from kernel init/main.c:

```
static char * argv_init[MAX_INIT_ARGS+2] = { "init", NULL, };
```

```
char * envp_init[MAX_INIT_ENVS+2] = { "HOME=", "TERM=linux", NULL, };
```

i.e. each init is run almost w/o any environment.

the same for VE.

on VE enter bash initializes PATH, HOME according to it's scripts.

So the only "bad" case I see is vzctl exec, right?

>>>allowed fs types (e.g. sysfs) -

>>

>>sysfs was disabled for 2.6.8 kernels (by default)

>>only due to unreclaimable sysfs memory which took

>>about ~0.5-1Mb of RAM per VE.

>>

>>It will be enabled for newer kernels by default.

>>

>>

>>>all these parameters should be easy to implement.

>>

>>>kernel space also contains hardcoded stuff.  
>>>There is a flag to enable/disable sysfs within container, but I found no  
>>>normal way to disable /proc.  
>>  
>>because sysfs was done disabled by default for memory consumption reason :/  
>>/proc has no this problem and is always enabled.  
>  
>  
> Unfortunately, /proc is notorious to had security-related bugs in the past,  
> including arbitrary code execution in kernel space. Since I'm not sure  
> that all such bugs are fixed, and since not all tasks require /proc to be  
> mounted, I'd like to be able to disable /procfs on per-VPS basis.  
Modern glibc (at least version from FC5) even doesn't work w/o /proc.  
We had a bug with cp due to this :/  
But in general I don't mind to make everything configurable.

How do you see it? via the same "features" mask as done with sysfs?  
any other features? I think it is better to create a set of  
env\_create funtions allowing vzctl to control which features a initialized in VE.

>>>Also, it seems to be no way to disable devices listed in  
>>>default\_minor\_perms.  
>>  
>>applications do not work w/o /dev/null and others at all :)  
>  
>  
> Yes, /dev/null and /dev/zero are not an issue.  
> I care about /dev/random; how to deal with potential lack of randomness  
> in the system?  
Good point.  
let's move this into vzctl?  
lets start from this one.  
[http://bugzilla.openvz.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=241](http://bugzilla.openvz.org/show_bug.cgi?id=241)

>>>Set of files added to virtualized /proc is also hardcoded, I found no way  
>>>to e.g. add /proc/devices file required for some third party software.  
>>  
>>this one is really the most usefull imho.  
>>  
>>in general you are right, many of these can be generalized and made  
>>more tunable. Will appreciate any help on this and will do my best  
>>to help and discuss what and how is needed.  
>  
>  
> I think I could help with patches to userspace code if necessary.  
thanks a lot!

Thanks,  
Kirill

---