
Subject: [PATCH 0/3] capabilities: per-process capbset

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Here is a new per-process capability bounding set patchset which I expect to send to linux-kernel soon. It makes the capbset per-process. A process can only permanently remove bits from it's bounding set, not add them. To remove bits, CAP_SYS_ADMIN is currently needed. Maybe that's not the best choice, but some privilege should probably be required.

The intent is to allow a process tree to start with certain capabilities, i.e. CAP_MKNOD, permanently removed, so that running a setuid binary or one with file capabilities will still not result in those capabilities. The immediate use case for this is containers/virtual servers.

I am not taking the task_capability_lock during cap_prctl_setbset(), just as it is not taken when capabilities are calculated during fork. That means it can race with another task doing capsetp() on it, and with capgetp(). I'm still looking for comments on whether the fix I sent out last week is correct. If it is, then I'll take the task_capability_lock during cap_prctl_setbset().

thanks,
-serge

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Subject: [PATCH 1/3] capabilities: define CONFIG_COMMONCAP

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Subject: [PATCH 1/3] capabilities: define CONFIG_COMMONCAP

currently the compilation of commoncap.c is determined through Makefile logic. So there is no single CONFIG variable which can be relied upon to know whether it

will be compiled.

Define CONFIG_COMMONCAP to be true when lsm is not compiled in, or when the capability or rootplug modules are compiled. These are the cases when commoncap is currently compiled. Use this variable in security/Makefile to determine commoncap.c's compilation.

Apart from being a logic cleanup, this is needed by the upcoming cap_bset patch so that prctl can know whether PR_SET_BSET should be allowed.

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```
---
security/Kconfig | 4 ++++
security/Makefile | 9 +++-----
2 files changed, 7 insertions(+), 6 deletions(-)
```

```
diff --git a/security/Kconfig b/security/Kconfig
index 8086e61..02b33fa 100644
--- a/security/Kconfig
+++ b/security/Kconfig
@@ -103,6 +103,10 @@ config SECURITY_ROOTPLUG
```

If you are unsure how to answer this question, answer N.

```
+config COMMONCAP
+ bool
+ default !SECURITY || SECURITY_CAPABILITIES || SECURITY_ROOTPLUG
+
+ source security/selinux/Kconfig
```

```
endmenu
diff --git a/security/Makefile b/security/Makefile
index ef87df2..7cccc81 100644
--- a/security/Makefile
+++ b/security/Makefile
@@ -5,14 +5,11 @@
obj-$(CONFIG_KEYS) += keys/
subdir-$(CONFIG_SECURITY_SELINUX) += selinux
```

```
## if we don't select a security model, use the default capabilities
-ifneq ($(CONFIG_SECURITY),y)
-obj-y += commoncap.o
-endif
+obj-$(CONFIG_COMMONCAP) += commoncap.o
```

Object file lists

```
obj-$(CONFIG_SECURITY) += security.o dummy.o inode.o
# Must precede capability.o in order to stack properly.
obj-$(CONFIG_SECURITY_SELINUX) += selinux/built-in.o
-obj-$(CONFIG_SECURITY_CAPABILITIES) += commoncap.o capability.o
-obj-$(CONFIG_SECURITY_ROOTPLUG) += commoncap.o root_plug.o
+obj-$(CONFIG_SECURITY_CAPABILITIES) += capability.o
+obj-$(CONFIG_SECURITY_ROOTPLUG) += root_plug.o
--
1.5.1.6
```

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Subject: [PATCH 2/3] capabilities: introduce per-process capability bounding set (v3)

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Subject: [PATCH 2/3] capabilities: introduce per-process capability bounding set (v3)

The capability bounding set is a set beyond which capabilities cannot grow. Currently cap_bset is per-system. It can be manipulated through sysctl, but only init can add capabilities. Root can remove capabilities. By default it includes all caps except CAP_SETPCAP.

This patch makes the bounding set per-process. It is inherited at fork from parent. Noone can add elements, CAP_SYS_ADMIN is required to remove them. Perhaps a new capability should be introduced to control the ability to remove capabilities, in order to help prevent running a privileged app with enough privs to be dangerous but not enough to be successful.

One example use of this is to start a safer container. For instance, until device namespaces or per-container device whitelists are introduced, it is best to take CAP_MKNOD away from a container.

The following hacky test program will get and set the bounding set. For instance

```
./bset get
```

(lists capabilities in bset)
./bset strset cap_sys_admin
(starts shell with new bset)
(use capset, setuid binary, or binary with
file capabilities to try to increase caps)

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bset.c:
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```

```
#include <sys/prctl.h>
#include <linux/capability.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

#ifndef PR_GET_CAPBSET
#define PR_GET_CAPBSET 23
#endif

#ifndef PR_SET_CAPBSET
#define PR_SET_CAPBSET 24
#endif

unsigned long newval;
int cmd_getbcap;

char *captable[] = {
    "cap_dac_override",
    "cap_dac_read_search",
    "cap_fowner",
    "cap_fsetid",
    "cap_kill",
    "cap_setgid",
    "cap_setuid",
    "cap_setpcap",
    "cap_linux_immutable",
    "cap_net_bind_service",
    "cap_net_broadcast",
    "cap_net_admin",
    "cap_net_raw",
    "cap_ipc_lock",
    "cap_ipc_owner",
    "cap_sys_module",
    "cap_sys_rawio",
    "cap_sys_chroot",
```

```

"cap_sys_ptrace",
"cap_sys_pacct",
"cap_sys_admin",
"cap_sys_boot",
"cap_sys_nice",
"cap_sys_resource",
"cap_sys_time",
"cap_sys_tty_config",
"cap_mknod",
"cap_lease",
"cap_audit_write",
"cap_audit_control",
"cap_setfcap");

```

```

char *inttocap(unsigned long v)

```

```

{
    char *str = NULL;
    int i;

    str = malloc(1);
    str[0] = '\0';
    for (i=0; i<31; i++) {
        if (v & (1 << (i+1))) {
            char *tmp = captable[i];
            str = realloc(str, strlen(str)+2+strlen(tmp));
            sprintf(str+strlen(str), "%s", tmp);
        }
    }
    return str;
}

```

```

int getbcap(void)

```

```

{
    unsigned long bcap;
    int ret;
    unsigned int ver;

    ret = prctl(PR_GET_CAPBSET, &ver, &bcap);
    if (ret == -1)
        perror("prctl");
    if (ver != _LINUX_CAPABILITY_VERSION)
        printf("wrong capability version: %lu not %lu\n",
            ver, _LINUX_CAPABILITY_VERSION);
    printf("prctl get_bcap returned %lu (ret %d)\n", bcap, ret);
    printf("that is %s\n", inttocap(bcap));
    return ret;
}

```

```

int setbcap(unsigned long val)
{
    int ret;

    ret = prctl(PR_SET_CAPBSET, _LINUX_CAPABILITY_VERSION, val);
    return ret;
}

```

```

int usage(char *me)
{
    printf("Usage: %s get\n", me);
    printf("    %s set <newval>\n", me);
    printf("    %s strset capability_string\n", me);
    printf("        capability_string is for instance:\n");
    printf("        cap_sys_admin,cap_mknod,cap_dac_override\n");
    return 1;
}

```

```

unsigned long captoint(char *cap)
{
    if (strcmp(cap, "cap_dac_override") == 0)
        return 1;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_dac_read_search") == 0)
        return 2;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_fowner") == 0)
        return 3;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_fsetid") == 0)
        return 4;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_kill") == 0)
        return 5;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_setgid") == 0)
        return 6;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_setuid") == 0)
        return 7;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_setpcap") == 0)
        return 8;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_linux_immutable") == 0)
        return 9;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_net_bind_service") == 0)
        return 10;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_net_broadcast") == 0)
        return 11;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_net_admin") == 0)
        return 12;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_net_raw") == 0)
        return 13;
    else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_ipc_lock") == 0)
        return 14;
}

```

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else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_ipc_owner") == 0)
    return 15;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_sys_module") == 0)
    return 16;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_sys_rawio") == 0)
    return 17;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_sys_chroot") == 0)
    return 18;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_sys_ptrace") == 0)
    return 19;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_sys_pacct") == 0)
    return 20;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_sys_admin") == 0)
    return 21;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_sys_boot") == 0)
    return 22;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_sys_nice") == 0)
    return 23;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_sys_resource") == 0)
    return 24;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_sys_time") == 0)
    return 25;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_sys_tty_config") == 0)
    return 26;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_mknod") == 0)
    return 27;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_lease") == 0)
    return 28;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_audit_write") == 0)
    return 29;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_audit_control") == 0)
    return 30;
else if (strcmp(cap, "cap_setfcap") == 0)
    return 31;
}

```

```

unsigned long parse_cap_string(char *capstring)
{
    unsigned long tmp, newval = 0;
    char *token = strtok(capstring, ",");

    while (token) {
        tmp = captoint(token);
        if (tmp < 0)
            return -1;
        newval |= 1<<tmp;
        token = strtok(NULL, ",");
    }
}

```

```

return newval;
}

int read_args(int argc, char *argv[])
{
if (strcmp(argv[1], "get") == 0) {
cmd_getbcap = 1;
return 0;
}
if (strcmp(argv[1], "strset") == 0) {
newval = parse_cap_string(argv[2]);
if (newval < 0)
return newval;
return 0;
}
if (strcmp(argv[1], "set") != 0)
return 1;
if (argc != 3)
return 1;
newval = strtoul(argv[2], NULL, 10);
return 0;
}

```

```

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
int ret;

if (argc<2)
return usage(argv[0]);

if ((ret=read_args(argc, argv)))
return ret;

if (cmd_getbcap)
return getbcap();

ret = setbcap(newval);
if (ret != 0)
return ret;
return execl("/bin/bash", "/bin/bash", NULL);
}

```

=====

Changelog:

Return -EINVAL if no capabilities.

As suggested by Andrew Morgan, send the capability version along with the bset for prctl(PR_SET_CAPBSET)

and PR_GET_CAPBSET)

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```
---
include/linux/capability.h | 23 ++++++
include/linux/init_task.h | 1 +
include/linux/prctl.h      | 4 +++++
include/linux/sched.h     | 2 +-
include/linux/security.h   | 5 -----
include/linux/sysctl.h    | 3 ---
kernel/fork.c              | 1 +
kernel/sys.c               | 18 ++++++
kernel/sysctl.c            | 35 -----
kernel/sysctl_check.c     | 7 -----
security/commoncap.c      | 21 ++++++
11 files changed, 63 insertions(+), 57 deletions(-)
```

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

index 7a8d7ad..7ff1e04 100644

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

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

@@ -197,7 +197,6 @@ typedef __u32 kernel_cap_t;

#define CAP_IPC_OWNER 15

/* Insert and remove kernel modules - modify kernel without limit */

/* Modify cap_bset */

#define CAP_SYS_MODULE 16

/* Allow ioperm/iopl access */

@@ -332,6 +331,17 @@ typedef __u32 kernel_cap_t;

#define CAP_INIT_EFF_SET to_cap_t(~0 & ~CAP_TO_MASK(CAP_SETPCAP))

#define CAP_INIT_INH_SET to_cap_t(0)

+#ifdef CONFIG_SECURITY_FILE_CAPABILITIES

/*

+ * Because of the reduced scope of CAP_SETPCAP when filesystem

+ * capabilities are in effect, it is safe to allow this capability to

+ * be available in the default configuration.

+ */

+# define CAP_INIT_BSET CAP_FULL_SET

+#else

+# define CAP_INIT_BSET CAP_INIT_EFF_SET

+#endif

+

#define CAP_TO_MASK(x) (1 << (x))

#define cap_raise(c, flag) (cap_t(c) |= CAP_TO_MASK(flag))

#define cap_lower(c, flag) (cap_t(c) &= ~CAP_TO_MASK(flag))

@@ -377,6 +387,17 @@ static inline kernel_cap_t cap_invert(kernel_cap_t c)

```

int capable(int cap);
int __capable(struct task_struct *t, int cap);

#ifdef CONFIG_COMMONCAP
+extern int cap_prctl_setbset(unsigned long new_bset);
+extern int cap_prctl_getbset(unsigned long *bset);
#else
#include <linux/errno.h>
+static inline int cap_prctl_setbset(unsigned long new_bset)
+{ return -EINVAL; }
+static inline int cap_prctl_getbset(unsigned long *bset)
+{ return -EINVAL; }
#endif
+
#endif /* __KERNEL__ */

#endif /* !_LINUX_CAPABILITY_H */
diff --git a/include/linux/init_task.h b/include/linux/init_task.h
index cae35b6..5c84d14 100644
--- a/include/linux/init_task.h
+++ b/include/linux/init_task.h
@@ -147,6 +147,7 @@ extern struct group_info init_groups;
 .cap_effective = CAP_INIT_EFF_SET, \
 .cap_inheritable = CAP_INIT_INH_SET, \
 .cap_permitted = CAP_FULL_SET, \
+ .cap_bset = CAP_INIT_BSET, \
 .keep_capabilities = 0, \
 .user = INIT_USER, \
 .comm = "swapper", \
diff --git a/include/linux/prctl.h b/include/linux/prctl.h
index e2eff90..a7de023 100644
--- a/include/linux/prctl.h
+++ b/include/linux/prctl.h
@@ -63,4 +63,8 @@
#define PR_GET_SECCOMP 21
#define PR_SET_SECCOMP 22

+/* Get/set the capability bounding set */
+#define PR_GET_CAPBSET 23
+#define PR_SET_CAPBSET 24
+
#endif /* _LINUX_PRCTL_H */
diff --git a/include/linux/sched.h b/include/linux/sched.h
index 4f21af1..7c21341 100644
--- a/include/linux/sched.h
+++ b/include/linux/sched.h
@@ -973,7 +973,7 @@ struct task_struct {
 uid_t uid,euid,suid,fsuid;

```

```

gid_t gid, egid, sgid, fsgid;
struct group_info *group_info;
- kernel_cap_t cap_effective, cap_inheritable, cap_permitted;
+ kernel_cap_t cap_effective, cap_inheritable, cap_permitted, cap_bset;
  unsigned keep_capabilities:1;
  struct user_struct *user;
#ifdef CONFIG_KEYS
diff --git a/include/linux/security.h b/include/linux/security.h
index ff3f857..e2d2f06 100644
--- a/include/linux/security.h
+++ b/include/linux/security.h
@@ -34,11 +34,6 @@
#include <linux/xfrm.h>
#include <net/flow.h>

```

```

-/*
- * Bounding set
- */
-extern kernel_cap_t cap_bset;
-
extern unsigned securebits;

```

```

struct ctl_table;
diff --git a/include/linux/sysctl.h b/include/linux/sysctl.h
index e99171f..3771782 100644
--- a/include/linux/sysctl.h
+++ b/include/linux/sysctl.h
@@ -103,7 +103,6 @@ enum
  KERN_NODENAME=7,
  KERN_DOMAINNAME=8,

- KERN_CAP_BSET=14, /* int: capability bounding set */
  KERN_PANIC=15, /* int: panic timeout */
  KERN_REALROOTDEV=16, /* real root device to mount after initrd */

```

```

@@ -968,8 +967,6 @@ extern int proc_dostring(struct ctl_table *, int, struct file *,
  void __user *, size_t *, loff_t *);
extern int proc_dointvec(struct ctl_table *, int, struct file *,
  void __user *, size_t *, loff_t *);
-extern int proc_dointvec_bset(struct ctl_table *, int, struct file *,
-  void __user *, size_t *, loff_t *);
extern int proc_dointvec_minmax(struct ctl_table *, int, struct file *,
  void __user *, size_t *, loff_t *);
extern int proc_dointvec_jiffies(struct ctl_table *, int, struct file *,
diff --git a/kernel/fork.c b/kernel/fork.c
index f85731a..df13a01 100644
--- a/kernel/fork.c
+++ b/kernel/fork.c

```

```

@@ -1082,6 +1082,7 @@ static struct task_struct *copy_process(unsigned long clone_flags,
#ifdef CONFIG_SECURITY
    p->security = NULL;
#endif
+ p->cap_bset = current->cap_bset;
  p->io_context = NULL;
  p->audit_context = NULL;
  cgroup_fork(p);
diff --git a/kernel/sys.c b/kernel/sys.c
index 796299c..cff511f 100644
--- a/kernel/sys.c
+++ b/kernel/sys.c
@@ -1739,7 +1739,23 @@ asmlinkage long sys_prctl(int option, unsigned long arg2, unsigned
long arg3,
    case PR_SET_SECCOMP:
        error = prctl_set_seccomp(arg2);
        break;
-
+ case PR_GET_CAPBSET: {
+     unsigned long bset;
+     error = cap_prctl_getbset(&bset);
+     if (error)
+         return error;
+     error = put_user(_LINUX_CAPABILITY_VERSION,
+         (__u32 __user *)arg2);
+     if (error)
+         break;
+     error = put_user(bset, (unsigned long __user *)arg3);
+     return error;
+ }
+ case PR_SET_CAPBSET:
+     if (arg2 != _LINUX_CAPABILITY_VERSION)
+         return -EINVAL;
+     error = cap_prctl_setbset(arg3);
+     break;
    default:
        error = -EINVAL;
        break;
diff --git a/kernel/sysctl.c b/kernel/sysctl.c
index b11d22b..7bff6a2 100644
--- a/kernel/sysctl.c
+++ b/kernel/sysctl.c
@@ -363,15 +363,6 @@ static struct ctl_table kern_table[] = {
    .proc_handler = &proc_dointvec_taint,
    },
#endif
-#ifdef CONFIG_SECURITY_CAPABILITIES
- {

```

```

- .procname = "cap-bound",
- .data = &cap_bset,
- .maxlen = sizeof(kernel_cap_t),
- .mode = 0600,
- .proc_handler = &proc_dointvec_bset,
- },
-#endif /* def CONFIG_SECURITY_CAPABILITIES */
#ifdef CONFIG_BLK_DEV_INITRD
{
    .ctl_name = KERN_REALROOTDEV,
@@ -1882,26 +1873,6 @@ static int do_proc_dointvec_bset_conv(int *negp, unsigned long
*lvalp,
    return 0;
}

-#ifdef CONFIG_SECURITY_CAPABILITIES
-/*
- * init may raise the set.
- */
-
-int proc_dointvec_bset(struct ctl_table *table, int write, struct file *filp,
- void __user *buffer, size_t *lenp, loff_t *ppos)
- {
- int op;
-
- if (write && !capable(CAP_SYS_MODULE)) {
- return -EPERM;
- }
-
- op = is_global_init(current) ? OP_SET : OP_AND;
- return do_proc_dointvec(table, write, filp, buffer, lenp, ppos,
- do_proc_dointvec_bset_conv, &op);
- }
-#endif /* def CONFIG_SECURITY_CAPABILITIES */
-
-/*
- * Taint values can only be increased
- */
@@ -2315,12 +2286,6 @@ int proc_dointvec(struct ctl_table *table, int write, struct file *filp,
    return -ENOSYS;
}

-int proc_dointvec_bset(struct ctl_table *table, int write, struct file *filp,
- void __user *buffer, size_t *lenp, loff_t *ppos)
- {
- return -ENOSYS;
- }
-

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int proc_dointvec_minmax(struct ctl_table *table, int write, struct file *filp,
    void __user *buffer, size_t *lenp, loff_t *ppos)
{
diff --git a/kernel/sysctl_check.c b/kernel/sysctl_check.c
index 3c9ef5a..41c7f16 100644
--- a/kernel/sysctl_check.c
+++ b/kernel/sysctl_check.c
@@ -38,10 +38,6 @@ static struct trans_ctl_table trans_kern_table[] = {
    { KERN_NODENAME, "hostname" },
    { KERN_DOMAINNAME, "domainname" },

-#ifdef CONFIG_SECURITY_CAPABILITIES
- { KERN_CAP_BSET, "cap-bound" },
-#endif /* def CONFIG_SECURITY_CAPABILITIES */
-
    { KERN_PANIC, "panic" },
    { KERN_REALROOTDEV, "real-root-dev" },

@@ -1535,9 +1531,6 @@ int sysctl_check_table(struct ctl_table *table)
    (table->strategy == sysctl_ms_jiffies) ||
    (table->proc_handler == proc_dostring) ||
    (table->proc_handler == proc_dointvec) ||
-#ifdef CONFIG_SECURITY_CAPABILITIES
-    (table->proc_handler == proc_dointvec_bset) ||
-#endif /* def CONFIG_SECURITY_CAPABILITIES */
    (table->proc_handler == proc_dointvec_minmax) ||
    (table->proc_handler == proc_dointvec_jiffies) ||
    (table->proc_handler == proc_dointvec_userhz_jiffies) ||
diff --git a/security/commoncap.c b/security/commoncap.c
index 43f9027..324ff2a 100644
--- a/security/commoncap.c
+++ b/security/commoncap.c
@@ -36,9 +36,6 @@
# define CAP_INIT_BSET CAP_INIT_EFF_SET
-#endif /* def CONFIG_SECURITY_FILE_CAPABILITIES */

-kernel_cap_t cap_bset = CAP_INIT_BSET; /* systemwide capability bound */
-EXPORT_SYMBOL(cap_bset);
-
/* Global security state */

unsigned securebits = SECUREBITS_DEFAULT; /* systemwide security settings */
@@ -307,7 +304,8 @@ void cap_bprm_apply_creds (struct linux_binprm *bprm, int unsafe)
/* Derived from fs/exec.c:compute_creds. */
kernel_cap_t new_permitted, working;

- new_permitted = cap_intersect (bprm->cap_permitted, cap_bset);
+ new_permitted = cap_intersect (bprm->cap_permitted,

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```
+ current->cap_bset);
  working = cap_intersect (bprm->cap_inheritable,
    current->cap_inheritable);
  new_permitted = cap_combine (new_permitted, working);
@@ -580,3 +578,18 @@ int cap_vm_enough_memory(struct mm_struct *mm, long pages)
  return __vm_enough_memory(mm, pages, cap_sys_admin);
}
```

```
+int cap_prctl_setbset(unsigned long new_bset)
+{
+ if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+ return -EPERM;
+ if (!cap_issubset(new_bset, current->cap_bset))
+ return -EPERM;
+ current->cap_bset = new_bset;
+ return 0;
+}
```

```
+
+int cap_prctl_getbset(unsigned long *bset)
+{
+ *bset = current->cap_bset;
+ return 0;
+}
```

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Subject: [PATCH 3/3] capabilities: reduce current's caps when reducing bset
Posted by [serue](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 14:42:07 GMT
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>From 2a0af2a5364ab568fa603cc9fdaeef67d82dc56 Mon Sep 17 00:00:00 2001
From: Serge E. Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 14:07:03 -0500
Subject: [PATCH 3/3] capabilities: reduce current's caps when reducing bset

When a task sets it's capability bounding set, ensure that
pI pE and pP are subsets of the new bounding set.

(note the new bset is a subset of the original)

Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>

security/commoncap.c | 6 ++++++
1 files changed, 6 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)

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diff --git a/security/commoncap.c b/security/commoncap.c
index 324ff2a..dcd5af4 100644
--- a/security/commoncap.c
+++ b/security/commoncap.c
@@ -585,6 +585,12 @@ int cap_prctl_setbset(unsigned long new_bset)
    if (!cap_issubset(new_bset, current->cap_bset))
        return -EPERM;
    current->cap_bset = new_bset;
+ current->cap_effective = cap_intersect(current->cap_effective,
+ new_bset);
+ current->cap_permitted = cap_intersect(current->cap_permitted,
+ new_bset);
+ current->cap_inheritable = cap_intersect(current->cap_inheritable,
+ new_bset);
    return 0;
}

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/3] capabilities: per-process capbset
Posted by [serue](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 14:49:09 GMT
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Quoting Serge E. Hallyn (serue@us.ibm.com):

- > Here is a new per-process capability bounding set patchset
- > which I expect to send to linux-kernel soon. It makes
- > the capbset per-process. A process can only permanently
- > remove bits from it's bounding set, not add them. To
- > remove bits, CAP_SYS_ADMIN is currently needed. Maybe
- > that's not the best choice, but some privilege should
- > probably be required.
- >
- > The intent is to allow a process tree to start with
- > certain capabilities, i.e. CAP_MKNOD, permanently
- > removed, so that running a setuid binary or one with
- > file capabilities will still not result in those
- > capabilities. The immediate use case for this is
- > containers/virtual servers.

>
> I am not taking the task_capability_lock during
> cap_prctl_setbset(), just as it is not taken when
> capabilities are calculated during fork. That means

Where by fork I of course mean exec.

-serge

> it can race with another task doing capsetp() on it,
> and with capgetp(). I'm still looking for comments
> on whether the fix I sent out last week is correct.
> If it is, then I'll take the task_capability_lock
> during cap_prctl_setbset().

>
> thanks,
> -serge

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Posted by [James Morris](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 23:03:38 GMT
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Doesn't that just make it more difficult to write safe applications ?

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/3] capabilities: per-process capbset
Posted by [serue](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 03:24:03 GMT
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Quoting James Morris (jmorris@namei.org):

> On Mon, 1 Oct 2007, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

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I don't know what you mean by "Sure, if running setuid."

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My concern is that an unprivileged user could find a setuid root application that will partially run but fail unsafely if it can get, say, CAP_SETUID but not CAP_CHOWN, and is fooled in completing part of it's privileged operation, then quitting or dying due to lack additional privs, leaving the operation in an exploitable state.

No concrete examples offhand, but it feels like by not requiring privilege we're inviting things similar to the old sendmail capabilities bug. (I don't think that exact flow is possible, but something similar) After all the setuid root applications assume that if they ran as root, then they have full capabilities.

-serge

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