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Subject: How to set resource quota of other process  
Posted by [lan jonhson](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2007 04:52:48 GMT  
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Hi,

We all know that we can set resource quota of process with pam\_limits.so. The module can enforce the resource usage (cpu, memory, maximal number of open file, etc) by setrlimit.

It seems that the function, setrlimit(), can only set self resource quota of process and inherit by its child processes, right?

Because I adopted the function in one process to set another process' resource quota, and found nothing enforced happen. The other process can run as before, not any limitation.

I don't know whether what I have designed is correct, using the setrlimit to set other process resource usage. If it is wrong, are there other ways to accomplish my target?

Also, in OpenVZ, are there any auxiliary tools (or libraries, functions) to do enforcement?

Thank you in advance.

Regards,  
lan

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man setrlimit

A privileged process (under Linux: one with the CAP\_SYS\_RESOURCE capability) may make arbitrary changes to either limit value.

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an setrlimit

> A privileged process (under Linux: one with the CAP\_SYS\_RESOURCE capability) may make arbitrary changes to either limit value.

You mean that privileged process with the CAP\_SYS\_RESOURCE can enforce the resource usage of other processes by setrlimit.

I am sorry, I googled the internet and man the setrlimit but I can not find the relative information or example codes.

Could you give me some advices?

Thanks in advance.

Ian

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Subject: Re: Re: How to set resource quota of other process

Posted by [vaverin](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2007 06:49:20 GMT

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Ian,

sorry for previous message, it was incorrect because I didn't understand Your original question.

You are right, setrlimit() set the limits for current process only (and for its new children) and I don't know the ways to set these limits for some another processes.

OpenVZ uses own accounting/limiting subsystem that is not related to setrlimit(). OpenVZ allows to set some group identifier for current process only (like setrlimit), however then any privileged process can set the limits for this process group.

thank you,  
Vasily Averin

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