
Subject: [PATCH 00/11] sysfs tagged directories V6
Posted by [Benjamin Thery](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 17:07:29 GMT
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Greg, Andrew,

Here is yet another updated version of Eric Biederman's patchset to implement tagged directories in sysfs ported on top of 2.6.26-rc5-mm3. This may be easier for you to review as 2.6.26-rc2-mm1 was getting a bit old now.

There is no major changes since the last version which introduced some changes to address concerns from Greg about the patch "Enable tagging for net_class directories" being to intrusive in sysfs core.

Refer to the Changelog below and <http://thread.gmane.org/gmane.linux.kernel/690799> to read the details about the proposed changes (I didn't copy them here to save some space).

Andrew,

Can you consider merging this patchset in -mm until Greg has time to re-review it and take it (or reject it)?

Thanks,
Benjamin

(Below you'll find the traditional introduction for sysfs tagged dirs and the updated changelog)

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With the introduction of network namespaces, there can be duplicate network interface names on the same machine. Indeed, two network interfaces can have the same name if they reside in different network namespaces.

- * Network interfaces names show up in sysfs.
- * Today there is nothing in sysfs that is currently per namespace.
- * Therefore we need to support multiple mounts of sysfs each showing a different network namespace.

We introduce tagged directories in sysfs for this purpose.

Of course the usefulness of this feature is not limited to network stuff: Serge Hallyn wrote a patch to fix a similar issue with user namespaces based on this patchset. His patch is included at the end of the patchset.

Tested with and without SYSFS_DEPRECATED. No regression found so far.

Changelog

* V6:

- Ported to 2.6.26-rc5-mm3
- Patch 11 (users) Removed an unused kset member from struct user_namespace left from a previous version of the patch.

* V5:

- Make namespace tags a bit less intrusive in sysfs core:
 - New patch 09: Added a generic sysfs_ns_exit routine called by exiting namespaces. A callback is passed to this routine to execute the subsystem specific code.
 - Modified patches 09 and 10 (now 10 and 11) ("netns tagging" and "users tagging") to use this new routine instead of adding #ifdef'd code in fs/sysfs/mount.c.
- Added missing -ENOMEM in fs/sysfs/dir.c:prep_rename() (Roel Kluin)

* V4:

- Ported to 2.6.26-rc2-mm1
- Updated patch for user namespace by Serge Hallyn (patch 10).

* V3:

- Removed patch 10 ("avoid kobject name conflict with different namespaces"), a better one was provided by Eric.
- Removed patch 11 ("sysfs: user namespaces: add ns to user_struct"), Serge needs to rework some parts of it.
- Change Acked-by: to Signed-off-by:, someone told me it is more appropriate (as I'm in the delivery path).

Here is the announcement Eric wrote back in December to introduce his patchset:

"

Now that we have network namespace support merged it is time to revisit the sysfs support so we can remove the dependency on !SYSFS.

[...]

The bulk of the patches are the changes to allow multiple sysfs superblocks.

Then comes the tagged directory sysfs support which uses information captured at mount time to decide which object with which tag will appear in a directory.

Then the support for renaming and deleting objects where the source may be ambiguous because of tagging.

Then finally the network namespace support so it is clear how all of this tied together.

"

Regards,
Benjamin

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Subject: [PATCH 01/11] sysfs: Support for preventing unmounts.
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sysfs: Support for preventing unmounts.

To support mounting multiple instances of sysfs occasionally I need to walk through all of the currently present sysfs super blocks.

To allow this iteration this patch adds `sysfs_grab_supers` and `sysfs_release_supers`. While a piece of code is in a section surrounded by these no more sysfs super blocks will be either created or destroyed.

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fs/sysfs/mount.c | 79 +++-----
fs/sysfs/sysfs.h | 10 ++++++
2 files changed, 81 insertions(+), 8 deletions(-)

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/mount.c

=====

--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/mount.c
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/mount.c
@@ -41,47 +41,110 @@ struct sysfs_dirent sysfs_root = {

```
static int sysfs_fill_super(struct super_block *sb, void *data, int silent)
{
- struct inode *inode;
- struct dentry *root;
+ struct sysfs_super_info *info = NULL;
+ struct inode *inode = NULL;
+ struct dentry *root = NULL;
+ int error;
```

```

sb->s_blocksize = PAGE_CACHE_SIZE;
sb->s_blocksize_bits = PAGE_CACHE_SHIFT;
sb->s_magic = SYSFS_MAGIC;
sb->s_op = &sysfs_ops;
sb->s_time_gran = 1;
- sysfs_sb = sb;
+ if (!sysfs_sb)
+ sysfs_sb = sb;
+
+ error = -ENOMEM;
+ info = kzalloc(sizeof(*info), GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (!info)
+ goto out_err;

/* get root inode, initialize and unlock it */
+ error = -ENOMEM;
inode = sysfs_get_inode(&sysfs_root);
if (!inode) {
pr_debug("sysfs: could not get root inode\n");
- return -ENOMEM;
+ goto out_err;
}

/* instantiate and link root dentry */
+ error = -ENOMEM;
root = d_alloc_root(inode);
if (!root) {
pr_debug("%s: could not get root dentry!\n", __func__);
- iput(inode);
- return -ENOMEM;
+ goto out_err;
}
root->d_fsdata = &sysfs_root;
sb->s_root = root;
+ sb->s_fs_info = info;
return 0;
+
+out_err:
+ dput(root);
+ iput(inode);
+ kfree(info);
+ if (sysfs_sb == sb)
+ sysfs_sb = NULL;
+ return error;
}

static int sysfs_get_sb(struct file_system_type *fs_type,
int flags, const char *dev_name, void *data, struct vfsmount *mnt)

```

```

{
- return get_sb_single(fs_type, flags, data, sysfs_fill_super, mnt);
+ int rc;
+ mutex_lock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
+ rc = get_sb_single(fs_type, flags, data, sysfs_fill_super, mnt);
+ mutex_unlock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
+ return rc;
}

-static struct file_system_type sysfs_fs_type = {
+struct file_system_type sysfs_fs_type = {
    .name = "sysfs",
    .get_sb = sysfs_get_sb,
    .kill_sb = kill_anon_super,
};

+void sysfs_grab_supers(void)
+{
+ /* must hold sysfs_rename_mutex */
+ struct super_block *sb;
+ /* Loop until I have taken s_umount on all sysfs superblocks */
+restart:
+ spin_lock(&sb_lock);
+ list_for_each_entry(sb, &sysfs_fs_type.fs_supers, s_instances) {
+ if (sysfs_info(sb)->grabbed)
+ continue;
+ /* Wait for unmount activity to complete. */
+ if (sb->s_count < S_BIAS) {
+ sb->s_count += 1;
+ spin_unlock(&sb_lock);
+ down_read(&sb->s_umount);
+ drop_super(sb);
+ goto restart;
+ }
+ atomic_inc(&sb->s_active);
+ sysfs_info(sb)->grabbed = 1;
+ }
+ spin_unlock(&sb_lock);
+}
+
+void sysfs_release_supers(void)
+{
+ /* must hold sysfs_rename_mutex */
+ struct super_block *sb;
+restart:
+ spin_lock(&sb_lock);
+ list_for_each_entry(sb, &sysfs_fs_type.fs_supers, s_instances) {
+ if (!sysfs_info(sb)->grabbed)

```

```

+ continue;
+ sysfs_info(sb)->grabbed = 0;
+ spin_unlock(&sb_lock);
+ deactivate_super(sb);
+ goto restart;
+ }
+ spin_unlock(&sb_lock);
+}
+
int __init sysfs_init(void)
{

```

```
int err = -ENOMEM;
```

```
Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/sysfs.h
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```
-----
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/sysfs.h
```

```
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/sysfs.h
```

```
@@ -85,6 +85,12 @@ struct sysfs_addrm_cxt {
int cnt;
};
```

```
+struct sysfs_super_info {
```

```
+ int grabbed;
```

```
+};
```

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+
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```
+#define sysfs_info(SB) ((struct sysfs_super_info *) (SB)->s_fs_info)
```

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+
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/*
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```
* mount.c
```

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*/
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```
@@ -92,6 +98,10 @@ extern struct sysfs_dirent sysfs_root;
```

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extern struct super_block *sysfs_sb;
```

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extern struct kmem_cache *sysfs_dir_cachep;
```

```
extern struct vfsmount *sysfs_mount;
```

```
+extern struct file_system_type sysfs_fs_type;
```

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+
```

```
+void sysfs_grab_supers(void);
```

```
+void sysfs_release_supers(void);
```

```
/*
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```
* dir.c
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Subject: [PATCH 02/11] sysfs: sysfs_get_dentry add a sb parameter

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sysfs: sysfs_get_dentry add a sb parameter

In preparation for multiple mounts of sysfs add a superblock parameter to sysfs_get_dentry.

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```
fs/sysfs/dir.c | 12 ++++++-----
fs/sysfs/file.c |  2 +-
fs/sysfs/sysfs.h |  3 +-
3 files changed, 10 insertions(+), 7 deletions(-)
```

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/dir.c

=====

--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/dir.c

+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/dir.c

@@ -85,6 +85,7 @@ static void sysfs_unlink_sibling(struct

```
/**
 * sysfs_get_dentry - get dentry for the given sysfs_dirent
+ * @sb: superblock of the dentry to return
 * @sd: sysfs_dirent of interest
 *
 * Get dentry for @sd. Dentry is looked up if currently not
@@ -97,9 +98,10 @@ static void sysfs_unlink_sibling(struct
 * RETURNS:
 * Pointer to found dentry on success, ERR_PTR() value on error.
 */
-struct dentry *sysfs_get_dentry(struct sysfs_dirent *sd)
+struct dentry *sysfs_get_dentry(struct super_block *sb,
+ struct sysfs_dirent *sd)
{
- struct dentry *dentry = dget(sysfs_sb->s_root);
+ struct dentry *dentry = dget(sb->s_root);

while (dentry->d_fsdata != sd) {
struct sysfs_dirent *cur;
@@ -777,7 +779,7 @@ int sysfs_rename_dir(struct kobject * ko
goto out; /* nothing to rename */

/* get the original dentry */
- old_dentry = sysfs_get_dentry(sd);
+ old_dentry = sysfs_get_dentry(sysfs_sb, sd);
if (IS_ERR(old_dentry)) {
```

```
error = PTR_ERR(old_dentry);
old_dentry = NULL;
@@ -845,7 +847,7 @@ int sysfs_move_dir(struct kobject *kobj,
goto out; /* nothing to move */
```

```
/* get dentries */
- old_dentry = sysfs_get_dentry(sd);
+ old_dentry = sysfs_get_dentry(sysfs_sb, sd);
if (IS_ERR(old_dentry)) {
error = PTR_ERR(old_dentry);
old_dentry = NULL;
@@ -853,7 +855,7 @@ int sysfs_move_dir(struct kobject *kobj,
}
old_parent = old_dentry->d_parent;
```

```
- new_parent = sysfs_get_dentry(new_parent_sd);
+ new_parent = sysfs_get_dentry(sysfs_sb, new_parent_sd);
if (IS_ERR(new_parent)) {
error = PTR_ERR(new_parent);
new_parent = NULL;
```

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/file.c

```
-----
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/file.c
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/file.c
@@ -584,7 +584,7 @@ int sysfs_chmod_file(struct kobject *kobj
goto out;
```

```
mutex_lock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
- victim = sysfs_get_dentry(victim_sd);
+ victim = sysfs_get_dentry(sysfs_sb, victim_sd);
mutex_unlock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
if (IS_ERR(victim)) {
rc = PTR_ERR(victim);
```

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/sysfs.h

```
-----
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/sysfs.h
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/sysfs.h
@@ -113,7 +113,8 @@ extern spinlock_t sysfs_assoc_lock;
extern const struct file_operations sysfs_dir_operations;
extern const struct inode_operations sysfs_dir_inode_operations;
```

```
-struct dentry *sysfs_get_dentry(struct sysfs_dirent *sd);
+struct dentry *sysfs_get_dentry(struct super_block *sb,
+ struct sysfs_dirent *sd);
struct sysfs_dirent *sysfs_get_active_two(struct sysfs_dirent *sd);
void sysfs_put_active_two(struct sysfs_dirent *sd);
void sysfs_addrm_start(struct sysfs_addrm_cxt *acxt,
```


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Subject: [PATCH 03/11] sysfs: Implement __sysfs_get_dentry
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sysfs: Implement __sysfs_get_dentry

This function is similar but much simpler to sysfs_get_dentry
returns a sysfs dentry if one currently exists.

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fs/sysfs/dir.c | 39 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
1 file changed, 39 insertions(+)

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/dir.c

```
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/dir.c
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/dir.c
@@ -764,6 +764,45 @@ void sysfs_remove_dir(struct kobject * k
__sysfs_remove_dir(sd);
}
```

```
+/**
+ * __sysfs_get_dentry - get dentry for the given sysfs_dirent
+ * @sb: superblock of the dentry to return
+ * @sd: sysfs_dirent of interest
+ *
+ * Get dentry for @sd. Only return a dentry if one currently
+ * exists.
+ *
+ * LOCKING:
+ * Kernel thread context (may sleep)
+ *
+ * RETURNS:
+ * Pointer to found dentry on success, NULL on failure.
+ */
+static struct dentry *__sysfs_get_dentry(struct super_block *sb,
+ struct sysfs_dirent *sd)
+{
+ struct inode *inode;
```

```

+ struct dentry *dentry = NULL;
+
+ inode = ilookup5_nowait(sysfs_sb, sd->s_ino, sysfs_ilookup_test, sd);
+ if (inode && !(inode->i_state & I_NEW)) {
+ struct dentry *alias;
+ spin_lock(&dcache_lock);
+ list_for_each_entry(alias, &inode->i_dentry, d_alias) {
+ if (!IS_ROOT(alias) && d_unhashed(alias))
+ continue;
+ if (alias->d_sb != sb)
+ continue;
+ dentry = alias;
+ dget_locked(dentry);
+ break;
+ }
+ spin_unlock(&dcache_lock);
+ }
+ iput(inode);
+ return dentry;
+}
+
int sysfs_rename_dir(struct kobject * kobj, const char *new_name)
{
    struct sysfs_dirent *sd = kobj->sd;
}
--

```

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Subject: [PATCH 04/11] sysfs: Rename Support multiple superblocks
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sysfs: Rename Support multiple superblocks

This patch modifies the sysfs_rename_dir and sysfs_move_dir routines to support multiple sysfs dentry tries rooted in different sysfs superblocks.

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fs/sysfs/dir.c | 195 ++++++-----
1 file changed, 137 insertions(+), 58 deletions(-)

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/dir.c

```
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/dir.c
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/dir.c
@@ -803,43 +803,113 @@ static struct dentry *__sysfs_get_dentry
    return dentry;
}

+struct sysfs_rename_struct {
+ struct list_head list;
+ struct dentry *old_dentry;
+ struct dentry *new_dentry;
+ struct dentry *old_parent;
+ struct dentry *new_parent;
+};
+
+static void post_rename(struct list_head *head)
+{
+ struct sysfs_rename_struct *srs;
+ while (!list_empty(head)) {
+ srs = list_entry(head->next, struct sysfs_rename_struct, list);
+ dput(srs->old_dentry);
+ dput(srs->new_dentry);
+ dput(srs->old_parent);
+ dput(srs->new_parent);
+ list_del(&srs->list);
+ kfree(srs);
+ }
+}
+
+static int prep_rename(struct list_head *head,
+ struct sysfs_dirent *sd, struct sysfs_dirent *new_parent_sd,
+ const char *name)
+{
+ struct sysfs_rename_struct *srs;
+ struct super_block *sb;
+ struct dentry *dentry;
+ int error;
+
+ list_for_each_entry(sb, &sysfs_fs_type.fs_supers, s_instances) {
+ dentry = sysfs_get_dentry(sb, sd);
+ if (dentry == ERR_PTR(-EXDEV))
+ continue;
+ if (IS_ERR(dentry)) {
+ error = PTR_ERR(dentry);
+ goto err_out;
+ }
+ }
+}

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+ srs = kzalloc(sizeof(*srs), GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (!srs) {
+   error = -ENOMEM;
+   dput(dentry);
+   goto err_out;
+ }
+
+ INIT_LIST_HEAD(&srs->list);
+ list_add(head, &srs->list);
+ srs->old_dentry = dentry;
+ srs->old_parent = dget(dentry->d_parent);
+
+ dentry = sysfs_get_dentry(sb, new_parent_sd);
+ if (IS_ERR(dentry)) {
+   error = PTR_ERR(dentry);
+   goto err_out;
+ }
+ srs->new_parent = dentry;
+
+ error = -ENOMEM;
+ dentry = d_alloc_name(srs->new_parent, name);
+ if (!dentry)
+   goto err_out;
+ srs->new_dentry = dentry;
+ }
+ return 0;
+
+err_out:
+ post_rename(head);
+ return error;
+}
+
+int sysfs_rename_dir(struct kobject * kobj, const char *new_name)
+{
+   struct sysfs_dirent *sd = kobj->sd;
+   - struct dentry *parent = NULL;
+   - struct dentry *old_dentry = NULL, *new_dentry = NULL;
+   + struct list_head todo;
+   + struct sysfs_rename_struct *srs;
+   + struct inode *parent_inode = NULL;
+   const char *dup_name = NULL;
+   int error;

+ INIT_LIST_HEAD(&todo);
+ mutex_lock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);

+ error = 0;
+ if (strcmp(sd->s_name, new_name) == 0)

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goto out; /* nothing to rename */

- /* get the original dentry */
- old_dentry = sysfs_get_dentry(sysfs_sb, sd);
- if (IS_ERR(old_dentry)) {
- error = PTR_ERR(old_dentry);
- old_dentry = NULL;
- goto out;
- }
+ sysfs_grab_supers();
+ error = prep_rename(&todo, sd, sd->s_parent, new_name);
+ if (error)
+ goto out_release;

- parent = old_dentry->d_parent;
+ error = -ENOMEM;
+ mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ parent_inode = sysfs_get_inode(sd->s_parent);
+ mutex_unlock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ if (!parent_inode)
+ goto out_release;

- /* lock parent and get dentry for new name */
- mutex_lock(&parent->d_inode->i_mutex);
+ mutex_lock(&parent_inode->i_mutex);
  mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);

error = -EEXIST;
if (sysfs_find_dirent(sd->s_parent, new_name))
goto out_unlock;

- error = -ENOMEM;
- new_dentry = d_alloc_name(parent, new_name);
- if (!new_dentry)
- goto out_unlock;
-
  /* rename kobject and sysfs_dirent */
  error = -ENOMEM;
  new_name = dup_name = kstrdup(new_name, GFP_KERNEL);
@@ -854,17 +924,21 @@ int sysfs_rename_dir(struct kobject * ko
  sd->s_name = new_name;

  /* rename */
- d_add(new_dentry, NULL);
- d_move(old_dentry, new_dentry);
+ list_for_each_entry(srs, &todo, list) {
+ d_add(srs->new_dentry, NULL);
+ d_move(srs->old_dentry, srs->new_dentry);

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+ }

error = 0;
- out_unlock:
+out_unlock:
    mutex_unlock(&sysfs_mutex);
- mutex_unlock(&parent->d_inode->i_mutex);
+ mutex_unlock(&parent_inode->i_mutex);
    kfree(dup_name);
- dput(old_dentry);
- dput(new_dentry);
- out:
+out_release:
+ iput(parent_inode);
+ post_rename(&todo);
+ sysfs_release_supers();
+out:
    mutex_unlock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
    return error;
}
@@ -873,10 +947,12 @@ int sysfs_move_dir(struct kobject *kobj,
{
    struct sysfs_dirent *sd = kobj->sd;
    struct sysfs_dirent *new_parent_sd;
- struct dentry *old_parent, *new_parent = NULL;
- struct dentry *old_dentry = NULL, *new_dentry = NULL;
+ struct list_head todo;
+ struct sysfs_rename_struct *srs;
+ struct inode *old_parent_inode = NULL, *new_parent_inode = NULL;
    int error;

+ INIT_LIST_HEAD(&todo);
    mutex_lock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
    BUG_ON(!sd->s_parent);
    new_parent_sd = new_parent_kobj->sd ? new_parent_kobj->sd : &sysfs_root;
@@ -885,26 +961,29 @@ int sysfs_move_dir(struct kobject *kobj,
    if (sd->s_parent == new_parent_sd)
        goto out; /* nothing to move */

- /* get dentries */
- old_dentry = sysfs_get_dentry(sysfs_sb, sd);
- if (IS_ERR(old_dentry)) {
-     error = PTR_ERR(old_dentry);
-     old_dentry = NULL;
-     goto out;
- }
- old_parent = old_dentry->d_parent;
-

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- new_parent = sysfs_get_dentry(sysfs_sb, new_parent_sd);
- if (IS_ERR(new_parent)) {
- error = PTR_ERR(new_parent);
- new_parent = NULL;
- goto out;
- }
+ sysfs_grab_supers();
+ error = prep_rename(&todo, sd, new_parent_sd, sd->s_name);
+ if (error)
+ goto out_release;
+
+ error = -ENOMEM;
+ mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ old_parent_inode = sysfs_get_inode(sd->s_parent);
+ mutex_unlock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ if (!old_parent_inode)
+ goto out_release;
+
+ error = -ENOMEM;
+ mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ new_parent_inode = sysfs_get_inode(new_parent_sd);
+ mutex_unlock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ if (!new_parent_inode)
+ goto out_release;

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again:

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- mutex_lock(&old_parent->d_inode->i_mutex);
- if (!mutex_trylock(&new_parent->d_inode->i_mutex)) {
- mutex_unlock(&old_parent->d_inode->i_mutex);
+ mutex_lock(&old_parent_inode->i_mutex);
+ if (!mutex_trylock(&new_parent_inode->i_mutex)) {
+ mutex_unlock(&old_parent_inode->i_mutex);
  goto again;
}
mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);
@@ -913,14 +992,11 @@ again:
if (sysfs_find_dirent(new_parent_sd, sd->s_name))
goto out_unlock;

```

```

- error = -ENOMEM;
- new_dentry = d_alloc_name(new_parent, sd->s_name);
- if (!new_dentry)
- goto out_unlock;
-
error = 0;
- d_add(new_dentry, NULL);
- d_move(old_dentry, new_dentry);
+ list_for_each_entry(srs, &todo, list) {

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+ d_add(srs->new_dentry, NULL);
+ d_move(srs->old_dentry, srs->new_dentry);
+ }

/* Remove from old parent's list and insert into new parent's list. */
sysfs_unlink_sibling(sd);
@@ -929,14 +1005,17 @@ again:
sd->s_parent = new_parent_sd;
sysfs_link_sibling(sd);

- out_unlock:
+out_unlock:
mutex_unlock(&sysfs_mutex);
- mutex_unlock(&new_parent->d_inode->i_mutex);
- mutex_unlock(&old_parent->d_inode->i_mutex);
- out:
- dput(new_parent);
- dput(old_dentry);
- dput(new_dentry);
+ mutex_unlock(&new_parent_inode->i_mutex);
+ mutex_unlock(&old_parent_inode->i_mutex);
+
+out_release:
+ iput(new_parent_inode);
+ iput(old_parent_inode);
+ post_rename(&todo);
+ sysfs_release_supers();
+out:
mutex_unlock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
return error;
}

--

```

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Subject: [PATCH 05/11] sysfs: sysfs_chmod_file handle multiple superblocks
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sysfs: sysfs_chmod_file handle multiple superblocks

Teach sysfs_chmod_file how to handle multiple sysfs superblocks.

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fs/sysfs/file.c | 54 ++++++-----
1 file changed, 30 insertions(+), 24 deletions(-)

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/file.c

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--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/file.c

+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/file.c

@@ -573,7 +573,8 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(sysfs_add_file_to_group
int sysfs_chmod_file(struct kobject *kobj, struct attribute *attr, mode_t mode)

{
 struct sysfs_dirent *victim_sd = NULL;
- struct dentry *victim = NULL;
+ struct super_block *sb;
+ struct dentry *victim;
 struct inode * inode;
 struct iattr newattrs;
 int rc;

@@ -584,31 +585,36 @@ int sysfs_chmod_file(struct kobject *kobj
 goto out;

 mutex_lock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
- victim = sysfs_get_dentry(sysfs_sb, victim_sd);
- mutex_unlock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
- if (IS_ERR(victim)) {
- rc = PTR_ERR(victim);
- victim = NULL;
- goto out;
- }
-
- inode = victim->d_inode;
+ sysfs_grab_supers();
+ list_for_each_entry(sb, &sysfs_fs_type.fs_supers, s_instances) {
+ victim = sysfs_get_dentry(sb, victim_sd);
+ if (victim == ERR_PTR(-EXDEV))
+ continue;
+ if (IS_ERR(victim)) {
+ rc = PTR_ERR(victim);
+ victim = NULL;
+ goto out_unlock;
+ }
+
+ inode = victim->d_inode;
+ mutex_lock(&inode->i_mutex);
+ newattrs.ia_mode = (mode & S_IALLUGO) |
+ (inode->i_mode & ~S_IALLUGO);

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+ newattrs.ia_valid = ATTR_MODE | ATTR_CTIME;
+ rc = notify_change(victim, &newattrs);
+ if (rc == 0) {
+   mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);
+   victim_sd->s_mode = newattrs.ia_mode;
+   mutex_unlock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ }
+ mutex_unlock(&inode->i_mutex);

- mutex_lock(&inode->i_mutex);
-
- newattrs.ia_mode = (mode & S_IALLUGO) | (inode->i_mode & ~S_IALLUGO);
- newattrs.ia_valid = ATTR_MODE | ATTR_CTIME;
- rc = notify_change(victim, &newattrs);
-
- if (rc == 0) {
-   mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);
-   victim_sd->s_mode = newattrs.ia_mode;
-   mutex_unlock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ dput(victim);
  }
-
- mutex_unlock(&inode->i_mutex);
- out:
- dput(victim);
+out_unlock:
+ sysfs_release_supers();
+ mutex_unlock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
+out:
  sysfs_put(victim_sd);
  return rc;
}

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Subject: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
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sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.

The problem. When implementing a network namespace I need to be able to have multiple network devices with the same name. Currently this

is a problem for `/sys/class/net/*`, `/sys/devices/virtual/net/*`, and potentially a few other directories of the form `/sys/ ... /net/*`.

What this patch does is to add an additional tag field to the `sysfs_dirent` structure. For directories that should show different contents depending on the context such as `/sys/class/net/`, and `/sys/devices/virtual/net/` this tag field is used to specify the context in which those directories should be visible. Effectively this is the same as creating multiple distinct directories with the same name but internally to `sysfs` the result is nicer.

I am calling the concept of a single directory that looks like multiple directories all at the same path in the filesystem tagged directories.

For the networking namespace the set of directories whose contents I need to filter with tags can depend on the presence or absence of hotplug hardware or which modules are currently loaded. Which means I need a simple race free way to setup those directories as tagged.

To achieve a race free design all tagged directories are created and managed by `sysfs` itself. The upper level code that knows what tagged directories we need provides just two methods that enable this:

- `sb_tag()` - that returns a "void *" tag that identifies the context of the process that mounted `sysfs`.

- `kobject_tag(kobj)` - that returns a "void *" tag that identifies the context a `kobject` should be in.

Everything else is left up to `sysfs`.

For the network namespace `sb_tag` and `kobject_tag` are essentially one line functions, and look to remain that.

The work needed in `sysfs` is more extensive. At each directory or symlink creating I need to check if the directory it is being created in is a tagged directory and if so generate the appropriate tag to place on the `sysfs_dirent`. Likewise at each symlink or directory removal I need to check if the `sysfs` directory it is being removed from is a tagged directory and if so figure out which tag goes along with the name I am deleting.

Currently only directories which hold `kobjects`, and symlinks are supported. There is not enough information in the current file attribute interfaces to give us anything to discriminate on which makes it useless, and there are no potential users which makes it an uninteresting problem to solve.

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```
fs/sysfs/bin.c      | 2
fs/sysfs/dir.c     | 185 ++++++-----
fs/sysfs/file.c    | 8 +-
fs/sysfs/group.c   | 4 -
fs/sysfs/inode.c   | 7 +
fs/sysfs/mount.c   | 44 ++++++--
fs/sysfs/symlink.c | 2
fs/sysfs/sysfs.h   | 17 +++++
include/linux/sysfs.h | 17 +++++
9 files changed, 257 insertions(+), 29 deletions(-)
```

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/bin.c

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--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/bin.c

+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/bin.c

@@ -252,7 +252,7 @@ int sysfs_create_bin_file(struct kobject

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void sysfs_remove_bin_file(struct kobject * kobj, struct bin_attribute * attr)
{
- sysfs_hash_and_remove(kobj->sd, attr->attr.name);
+ sysfs_hash_and_remove(kobj, kobj->sd, attr->attr.name);
}
```

EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(sysfs_create_bin_file);

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/dir.c

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--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/dir.c

+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/dir.c

@@ -101,8 +101,17 @@ static void sysfs_unlink_sibling(struct
struct dentry *sysfs_get_dentry(struct super_block *sb,
struct sysfs_dirent *sd)

```
{
- struct dentry *dentry = dget(sb->s_root);
+ struct dentry *dentry;
+
+ /* Bail if this sd won't show up in this superblock */
+ if (sd->s_parent && sd->s_parent->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED) {
+ const void *tag;
+ tag = sysfs_lookup_tag(sd->s_parent, sb);
+ if (sd->s_tag.tag != tag)
+ return ERR_PTR(-EXDEV);
+ }

+ dentry = dget(sb->s_root);
+ while (dentry->d_fsdata != sd) {
+ struct sysfs_dirent *cur;
```

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    struct dentry *parent;
@@ -421,11 +430,18 @@ void sysfs_addrm_start(struct sysfs_addr
    */
    int sysfs_add_one(struct sysfs_addrm_cxt *acxt, struct sysfs_dirent *sd)
    {
- if (sysfs_find_dirent(acxt->parent_sd, sd->s_name))
+ const void *tag = NULL;
+
+ tag = sysfs_creation_tag(acxt->parent_sd, sd);
+
+ if (sysfs_find_dirent(acxt->parent_sd, tag, sd->s_name))
    return -EEXIST;

    sd->s_parent = sysfs_get(acxt->parent_sd);

+ if (sd->s_parent->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED)
+ sd->s_tag.tag = tag;
+
+ if (sysfs_type(sd) == SYSFS_DIR && acxt->parent_inode)
+ inc_nlink(acxt->parent_inode);

@@ -572,13 +588,18 @@ void sysfs_addrm_finish(struct sysfs_addr
    * Pointer to sysfs_dirent if found, NULL if not.
    */
    struct sysfs_dirent *sysfs_find_dirent(struct sysfs_dirent *parent_sd,
+     const void *tag,
+     const unsigned char *name)
    {
    struct sysfs_dirent *sd;

- for (sd = parent_sd->s_dir.children; sd; sd = sd->s_sibling)
+ for (sd = parent_sd->s_dir.children; sd; sd = sd->s_sibling) {
+ if ((parent_sd->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED) &&
+     (sd->s_tag.tag != tag))
+ continue;
+ if (!strcmp(sd->s_name, name))
+     return sd;
+ }
    return NULL;
    }

@@ -602,7 +623,7 @@ struct sysfs_dirent *sysfs_get_dirent(st
    struct sysfs_dirent *sd;

    mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);
- sd = sysfs_find_dirent(parent_sd, name);
+ sd = sysfs_find_dirent(parent_sd, NULL, name);
    sysfs_get(sd);

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mutex_unlock(&sysfs_mutex);

@@ -668,13 +689,16 @@ static struct dentry * sysfs_lookup(stru
    struct nameidata *nd)
{
    struct dentry *ret = NULL;
- struct sysfs_dirent *parent_sd = dentry->d_parent->d_fsdata;
+ struct dentry *parent = dentry->d_parent;
+ struct sysfs_dirent *parent_sd = parent->d_fsdata;
    struct sysfs_dirent *sd;
    struct inode *inode;
+ const void *tag;

    mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);

- sd = sysfs_find_dirent(parent_sd, dentry->d_name.name);
+ tag = sysfs_lookup_tag(parent_sd, parent->d_sb);
+ sd = sysfs_find_dirent(parent_sd, tag, dentry->d_name.name);

    /* no such entry */
    if (!sd) {
@@ -882,19 +906,24 @@ int sysfs_rename_dir(struct kobject * ko
    struct sysfs_rename_struct *srs;
    struct inode *parent_inode = NULL;
    const char *dup_name = NULL;
+ const void *old_tag, *tag;
    int error;

    INIT_LIST_HEAD(&todo);
    mutex_lock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
+ old_tag = sysfs_dirent_tag(sd);
+ tag = sysfs_creation_tag(sd->s_parent, sd);

    error = 0;
- if (strcmp(sd->s_name, new_name) == 0)
+ if ((old_tag == tag) && (strcmp(sd->s_name, new_name) == 0))
    goto out; /* nothing to rename */

    sysfs_grab_supers();
- error = prep_rename(&todo, sd, sd->s_parent, new_name);
- if (error)
- goto out_release;
+ if (old_tag == tag) {
+ error = prep_rename(&todo, sd, sd->s_parent, new_name);
+ if (error)
+ goto out_release;
+ }

```

```

error = -ENOMEM;
mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);
@@ -907,7 +936,7 @@ int sysfs_rename_dir(struct kobject * ko
mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);

error = -EEXIST;
- if (sysfs_find_dirent(sd->s_parent, new_name))
+ if (sysfs_find_dirent(sd->s_parent, tag, new_name))
    goto out_unlock;

/* rename kobject and sysfs_dirent */
@@ -922,6 +951,8 @@ int sysfs_rename_dir(struct kobject * ko

dup_name = sd->s_name;
sd->s_name = new_name;
+ if (sd->s_parent->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED)
+ sd->s_tag.tag = tag;

/* rename */
list_for_each_entry(srs, &todo, list) {
@@ -929,6 +960,20 @@ int sysfs_rename_dir(struct kobject * ko
    d_move(srs->old_dentry, srs->new_dentry);
}

+ /* If we are moving across superblocks drop the dcache entries */
+ if (old_tag != tag) {
+ struct super_block *sb;
+ struct dentry *dentry;
+ list_for_each_entry(sb, &sysfs_fs_type.fs_supers, s_instances) {
+ dentry = __sysfs_get_dentry(sb, sd);
+ if (!dentry)
+ continue;
+ shrink_dcache_parent(dentry);
+ d_drop(dentry);
+ dput(dentry);
+ }
+ }
+
error = 0;
out_unlock:
mutex_unlock(&sysfs_mutex);
@@ -951,11 +996,13 @@ int sysfs_move_dir(struct kobject *kobj,
struct sysfs_rename_struct *srs;
struct inode *old_parent_inode = NULL, *new_parent_inode = NULL;
int error;
+ const void *tag;

INIT_LIST_HEAD(&todo);

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mutex_lock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
BUG_ON(!sd->s_parent);
new_parent_sd = new_parent_kobj->sd ? new_parent_kobj->sd : &sysfs_root;
+ tag = sysfs_dirent_tag(sd);

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error = 0;
if (sd->s_parent == new_parent_sd)
@@ -989,7 +1036,7 @@ again:
mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);

```

```

error = -EEXIST;
- if (sysfs_find_dirent(new_parent_sd, sd->s_name))
+ if (sysfs_find_dirent(new_parent_sd, tag, sd->s_name))
goto out_unlock;

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error = 0;
@@ -1028,10 +1075,11 @@ static inline unsigned char dt_type(stru

```

```

static int sysfs_readdir(struct file * filp, void * dirent, filldir_t filldir)
{
- struct dentry *dentry = filp->f_path.dentry;
- struct sysfs_dirent * parent_sd = dentry->d_fsdata;
+ struct dentry *parent = filp->f_path.dentry;
+ struct sysfs_dirent *parent_sd = parent->d_fsdata;
struct sysfs_dirent *pos;
ino_t ino;
+ const void *tag;

```

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if (filp->f_pos == 0) {
ino = parent_sd->s_ino;
@@ -1049,6 +1097,8 @@ static int sysfs_readdir(struct file * f
if ((filp->f_pos > 1) && (filp->f_pos < INT_MAX)) {
mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);

```

```

+ tag = sysfs_lookup_tag(parent_sd, parent->d_sb);
+

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/* Skip the dentries we have already reported */
pos = parent_sd->s_dir.children;
while (pos && (filp->f_pos > pos->s_ino))
@@ -1058,6 +1108,10 @@ static int sysfs_readdir(struct file * f
const char * name;
int len;

```

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+ if ((parent_sd->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED) &&
+ (pos->s_tag.tag != tag))
+ continue;
+
name = pos->s_name;

```



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    len = strlen(name);
    filp->f_pos = ino = pos->s_ino;
@@ -1078,3 +1132,106 @@ const struct file_operations sysfs_dir_o
    .read = generic_read_dir,
    .readdir = sysfs_readdir,
};
+
+const void *sysfs_creation_tag(struct sysfs_dirent *parent_sd,
+    struct sysfs_dirent *sd)
+{
+    const void *tag = NULL;
+
+    if (parent_sd->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED) {
+        struct kobject *kobj;
+        switch (sysfs_type(sd)) {
+        case SYSFS_DIR:
+            kobj = sd->s_dir.kobj;
+            break;
+        case SYSFS_KOBJ_LINK:
+            kobj = sd->s_symlink.target_sd->s_dir.kobj;
+            break;
+        default:
+            BUG();
+        }
+        tag = parent_sd->s_tag.ops->kobject_tag(kobj);
+    }
+    return tag;
+}
+
+const void *sysfs_removal_tag(struct kobject *kobj, struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd)
+{
+    const void *tag = NULL;
+
+    if (dir_sd->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED)
+        tag = kobj->sd->s_tag.tag;
+
+    return tag;
+}
+
+const void *sysfs_lookup_tag(struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd,
+    struct super_block *sb)
+{
+    const void *tag = NULL;
+
+    if (dir_sd->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED)
+        tag = dir_sd->s_tag.ops->sb_tag(&sysfs_info(sb)->tag);
+
+    return tag;

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+}
+
+const void *sysfs_dirent_tag(struct sysfs_dirent *sd)
+{
+ const void *tag = NULL;
+
+ if (sd->s_parent && (sd->s_parent->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED))
+ tag = sd->s_tag.tag;
+
+ return tag;
+}
+
+/**
+ * sysfs_enable_tagging - Automatically tag all of the children in a
+ * directory.
+ * @kobj: object whose children should be filtered by tags
+ *
+ * Once tagging has been enabled on a directory the contents
+ * of the directory become dependent upon context captured when
+ * sysfs was mounted.
+ *
+ * tag_ops->sb_tag() returns the context for a given superblock.
+ *
+ * tag_ops->kobject_tag() returns the context that a given kobj
+ * resides in.
+ *
+ * Using those methods the sysfs code on tagged directories
+ * carefully stores the files so that when we lookup files
+ * we get the proper answer for our context.
+ *
+ * If the context of a kobject is changed it is expected that
+ * the kobject will be renamed so the appropriate sysfs data structures
+ * can be updated.
+ */
+int sysfs_enable_tagging(struct kobject *kobj,
+ const struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations *tag_ops)
+{
+ struct sysfs_dirent *sd;
+ int err;
+
+ err = -ENOENT;
+ sd = kobj->sd;
+
+ mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ err = -EINVAL;
+ /* We can only enable tagging on empty directories
+ * where tagging is not already enabled, and
+ * who are not subdirectories of directories where tagging is

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+ * enabled.
+ */
+ if (!sd->s_dir.children && (sysfs_type(sd) == SYSFS_DIR) &&
+     !(sd->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED) &&
+     sd->s_parent &&
+     !(sd->s_parent->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED)) {
+     err = 0;
+     sd->s_flags |= SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED;
+     sd->s_tag.ops = tag_ops;
+ }
+ mutex_unlock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ return err;
+}

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Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/file.c

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--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/file.c

+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/file.c

```

@@ -460,9 +460,9 @@ void sysfs_notify(struct kobject *k, cha
     mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);

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```

     if (sd && dir)
-     sd = sysfs_find_dirent(sd, dir);
+     sd = sysfs_find_dirent(sd, NULL, dir);
     if (sd && attr)
-     sd = sysfs_find_dirent(sd, attr);
+     sd = sysfs_find_dirent(sd, NULL, attr);
     if (sd) {
         struct sysfs_open_dirent *od;

```

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@@ -631,7 +631,7 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(sysfs_chmod_file);

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```

void sysfs_remove_file(struct kobject *kobj, const struct attribute * attr)
{
- sysfs_hash_and_remove(kobj->sd, attr->name);
+ sysfs_hash_and_remove(kobj, kobj->sd, attr->name);
}

```

```

@@ -651,7 +651,7 @@ void sysfs_remove_file_from_group(struct
     else
         dir_sd = sysfs_get(kobj->sd);
     if (dir_sd) {
-     sysfs_hash_and_remove(dir_sd, attr->name);
+     sysfs_hash_and_remove(kobj, dir_sd, attr->name);
         sysfs_put(dir_sd);
     }
}

```

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/group.c

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```
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/group.c
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/group.c
@@ -23,7 +23,7 @@ static void remove_files(struct sysfs_dir
    int i;

    for (i = 0, attr = grp->attrs; *attr; i++, attr++)
-   sysfs_hash_and_remove(dir_sd, (*attr)->name);
+   sysfs_hash_and_remove(kobj, dir_sd, (*attr)->name);
}
```

```
static int create_files(struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd, struct kobject *kobj,
@@ -39,7 +39,7 @@ static int create_files(struct sysfs_dir
    * visibility. Do this by first removing then
    * re-adding (if required) the file */
    if (update)
-   sysfs_hash_and_remove(dir_sd, (*attr)->name);
+   sysfs_hash_and_remove(kobj, dir_sd, (*attr)->name);
    if (grp->is_visible) {
        mode = grp->is_visible(kobj, *attr, i);
        if (!mode)
```

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/inode.c

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```
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/inode.c
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/inode.c
@@ -217,17 +217,20 @@ struct inode * sysfs_get_inode(struct sy
    return inode;
}
```

```
-int sysfs_hash_and_remove(struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd, const char *name)
+int sysfs_hash_and_remove(struct kobject *kobj, struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd,
+   const char *name)
{
    struct sysfs_addrm_cxt acxt;
    struct sysfs_dirent *sd;
+   const void *tag;

    if (!dir_sd)
        return -ENOENT;

    sysfs_addrm_start(&acxt, dir_sd);
+   tag = sysfs_removal_tag(kobj, dir_sd);

-   sd = sysfs_find_dirent(dir_sd, name);
+   sd = sysfs_find_dirent(dir_sd, tag, name);
    if (sd)
        sysfs_remove_one(&acxt, sd);
```

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/mount.c

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=====
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/mount.c
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/mount.c
@@ -75,6 +75,7 @@ static int sysfs_fill_super(struct super
    goto out_err;
}
root->d_fsdata = &sysfs_root;
+ root->d_sb = sb;
sb->s_root = root;
sb->s_fs_info = info;
return 0;
@@ -88,20 +89,55 @@ out_err:
    return error;
}

+static int sysfs_test_super(struct super_block *sb, void *ptr)
+{
+ struct task_struct *task = ptr;
+ struct sysfs_super_info *info = sysfs_info(sb);
+ int found = 1;
+
+ return found;
+}
+
static int sysfs_get_sb(struct file_system_type *fs_type,
    int flags, const char *dev_name, void *data, struct vfsmount *mnt)
{
- int rc;
+ struct super_block *sb;
+ int error;
    mutex_lock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
- rc = get_sb_single(fs_type, flags, data, sysfs_fill_super, mnt);
+ sb = sget(fs_type, sysfs_test_super, set_anon_super, current);
+ if (IS_ERR(sb)) {
+ error = PTR_ERR(sb);
+ goto out;
+ }
+ if (!sb->s_root) {
+ sb->s_flags = flags;
+ error = sysfs_fill_super(sb, data, flags & MS_SILENT ? 1 : 0);
+ if (error) {
+ up_write(&sb->s_umount);
+ deactivate_super(sb);
+ goto out;
+ }
+ sb->s_flags |= MS_ACTIVE;
+ }
}
```

```

+ do_remount_sb(sb, flags, data, 0);
+ error = simple_set_mnt(mnt, sb);
+out:
  mutex_unlock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
- return rc;
+ return error;
+}
+
+static void sysfs_kill_sb(struct super_block *sb)
+{
+ struct sysfs_super_info *info = sysfs_info(sb);
+
+ kill_anon_super(sb);
+ kfree(info);
+ }

```

```

struct file_system_type sysfs_fs_type = {
  .name = "sysfs",
  .get_sb = sysfs_get_sb,
- .kill_sb = kill_anon_super,
+ .kill_sb = sysfs_kill_sb,
};

```

```

void sysfs_grab_supers(void)
Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/symlink.c

```

```

=====
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/symlink.c
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/symlink.c
@@ -94,7 +94,7 @@ void sysfs_remove_link(struct kobject *
  else
    parent_sd = kobj->sd;

- sysfs_hash_and_remove(parent_sd, name);
+ sysfs_hash_and_remove(kobj, parent_sd, name);
}

```

```

static int sysfs_get_target_path(struct sysfs_dirent *parent_sd,
Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/sysfs.h

```

```

=====
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/sysfs.h
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/sysfs.h
@@ -46,6 +46,10 @@ struct sysfs_dirent {
  const char *s_name;

  union {
+ const struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations *ops;
+ const void *tag;
+ } s_tag;

```

```

+ union {
    struct sysfs_elem_dir s_dir;
    struct sysfs_elem_symlink s_symlink;
    struct sysfs_elem_attr s_attr;
@@ -69,6 +73,7 @@ struct sysfs_dirent {

#define SYSFS_FLAG_MASK ~SYSFS_TYPE_MASK
#define SYSFS_FLAG_REMOVED 0x0200
+#define SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED 0x0400

static inline unsigned int sysfs_type(struct sysfs_dirent *sd)
{
@@ -87,6 +92,7 @@ struct sysfs_addrm_cxt {

struct sysfs_super_info {
    int grabbed;
+ struct sysfs_tag_info tag;
};

#define sysfs_info(SB) ((struct sysfs_super_info *) (SB)->s_fs_info)
@@ -113,6 +119,13 @@ extern spinlock_t sysfs_assoc_lock;
extern const struct file_operations sysfs_dir_operations;
extern const struct inode_operations sysfs_dir_inode_operations;

+extern const void *sysfs_creation_tag(struct sysfs_dirent *parent_sd,
+ struct sysfs_dirent *sd);
+extern const void *sysfs_removal_tag(struct kobject *kobj,
+ struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd);
+extern const void *sysfs_lookup_tag(struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd,
+ struct super_block *sb);
+extern const void *sysfs_dirent_tag(struct sysfs_dirent *sd);
struct dentry *sysfs_get_dentry(struct super_block *sb,
    struct sysfs_dirent *sd);
struct sysfs_dirent *sysfs_get_active_two(struct sysfs_dirent *sd);
@@ -124,6 +137,7 @@ void sysfs_remove_one(struct sysfs_addrm
void sysfs_addrm_finish(struct sysfs_addrm_cxt *acxt);

struct sysfs_dirent *sysfs_find_dirent(struct sysfs_dirent *parent_sd,
+ const void *tag,
    const unsigned char *name);
struct sysfs_dirent *sysfs_get_dirent(struct sysfs_dirent *parent_sd,
    const unsigned char *name);
@@ -155,7 +169,8 @@ static inline void sysfs_put(struct sysf
*/
struct inode *sysfs_get_inode(struct sysfs_dirent *sd);
int sysfs_setattr(struct dentry *dentry, struct iattr *iattr);
-int sysfs_hash_and_remove(struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd, const char *name);
+int sysfs_hash_and_remove(struct kobject *kobj, struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd,

```

```

+   const char *name);
int sysfs_inode_init(void);

/*
Index: linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/include/linux/sysfs.h
+++ linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h
@@ -80,6 +80,14 @@ struct sysfs_ops {
    ssize_t (*store)(struct kobject *,struct attribute *,const char *, size_t);
};

+struct sysfs_tag_info {
+};
+
+struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations {
+ const void *(*sb_tag)(struct sysfs_tag_info *info);
+ const void *(*kobject_tag)(struct kobject *kobj);
+};
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_SYSFS

int sysfs_schedule_callback(struct kobject *kobj, void (*func)(void *),
@@ -119,6 +127,9 @@ void sysfs_remove_file_from_group(struct
void sysfs_notify(struct kobject *kobj, char *dir, char *attr);
void sysfs_printk_last_file(void);

+int sysfs_enable_tagging(struct kobject *kobj,
+ const struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations *tag_ops);
+
extern int __must_check sysfs_init(void);

#else /* CONFIG_SYSFS */
@@ -215,6 +226,12 @@ static inline void sysfs_notify(struct k
{
}

+static inline int sysfs_enable_tagging(struct kobject *kobj,
+ const struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations *tag_ops)
+{
+ return 0;
+}
+
+static inline int __must_check sysfs_init(void)
{
return 0;
}
--

```

Subject: [PATCH 07/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs_delete_link and sysfs_rename_link
Posted by [Benjamin Thery](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 17:08:39 GMT
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sysfs: Implement sysfs_delete_link and sysfs_rename_link

When removing a symlink sysfs_remove_link does not provide enough information to figure out which tagged directory the symlink falls in. So I need sysfs_delete_link which is passed the target of the symlink to delete.

Further half the time when we are removing a symlink the code is actually renaming the symlink but not doing so explicitly because we don't have a symlink rename method. So I have added sysfs_rename_link as well.

Both of these functions now have enough information to find a symlink in a tagged directory. The only restriction is that they must be called before the target kobject is renamed or deleted. If they are called later I loose track of which tag the target kobject was marked with and can no longer find the old symlink to remove it.

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```
fs/sysfs/symlink.c | 31 ++++++
include/linux/sysfs.h | 17 ++++++
2 files changed, 48 insertions(+)
```

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/symlink.c

```
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/symlink.c
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/symlink.c
@@ -80,6 +80,21 @@ int sysfs_create_link(struct kobject * k
 }

/**
+ * sysfs_delete_link - remove symlink in object's directory.
+ * @kobj: object we're acting for.
+ * @targ: object we're pointing to.
+ * @name: name of the symlink to remove.
+ *
```

```

+ * Unlike sysfs_remove_link sysfs_delete_link has enough information
+ * to successfully delete symlinks in tagged directories.
+ */
+void sysfs_delete_link(struct kobject *kobj, struct kobject *targ,
+ const char *name)
+{
+ sysfs_hash_and_remove(targ, kobj->sd, name);
+}
+
+/**
+ * sysfs_remove_link - remove symlink in object's directory.
+ * @kobj: object we're acting for.
+ * @name: name of the symlink to remove.
@@ -97,6 +112,22 @@ void sysfs_remove_link(struct kobject *
+ sysfs_hash_and_remove(kobj, parent_sd, name);
+}

```

```

+/**
+ * sysfs_rename_link - rename symlink in object's directory.
+ * @kobj: object we're acting for.
+ * @targ: object we're pointing to.
+ * @old: previous name of the symlink.
+ * @new: new name of the symlink.
+ *
+ * A helper function for the common rename symlink idiom.
+ */
+int sysfs_rename_link(struct kobject *kobj, struct kobject *targ,
+ const char *old, const char *new)
+{
+ sysfs_delete_link(kobj, targ, old);
+ return sysfs_create_link(kobj, targ, new);
+}
+
+static int sysfs_get_target_path(struct sysfs_dirent *parent_sd,
+ struct sysfs_dirent *target_sd, char *path)
+{

```

Index: linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h

--- linux-mm.orig/include/linux/sysfs.h

+++ linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h

```

@@ -113,6 +113,12 @@ int __must_check sysfs_create_link(struct
+ const char *name);

```

```

void sysfs_remove_link(struct kobject *kobj, const char *name);

```

```

+int sysfs_rename_link(struct kobject *kobj, struct kobject *target,
+ const char *old_name, const char *new_name);
+

```

```

+void sysfs_delete_link(struct kobject *dir, struct kobject *targ,

```

```

+ const char *name);
+
int __must_check sysfs_create_group(struct kobject *kobj,
    const struct attribute_group *grp);
int sysfs_update_group(struct kobject *kobj,
@@ -194,6 +200,17 @@ static inline void sysfs_remove_link(str
{
}

+static inline int sysfs_rename_link(struct kobject *k, struct kobject *t,
+    const char *old_name, const char *new_name)
+{
+ return 0;
+}
+
+static inline void sysfs_delete_link(struct kobject *k, struct kobject *t,
+    const char *name)
+{
+}
+
static inline int sysfs_create_group(struct kobject *kobj,
    const struct attribute_group *grp)
{
--

```

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Subject: [PATCH 08/11] driver core: Implement tagged directory support for device classes.

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driver core: Implement tagged directory support for device classes.

This patch enables tagging on every class directory if struct class has tag_ops.

In addition device_del and device_rename were modified to use sysfs_delete_link and sysfs_rename_link respectively to ensure when these operations happen on devices whose classes have tag_ops that they work properly.

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```

---
drivers/base/class.c | 30 ++++++-----
drivers/base/core.c | 41 ++++++-----
include/linux/device.h | 2 ++
3 files changed, 51 insertions(+), 22 deletions(-)

```

Index: linux-mm/drivers/base/class.c

```

=====
--- linux-mm.orig/drivers/base/class.c
+++ linux-mm/drivers/base/class.c
@@ -135,6 +135,17 @@ static void remove_class_attrs(struct cl
 }
 }

+static int class_setup_tagging(struct class *cls)
+{
+ const struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations *tag_ops;
+
+ tag_ops = cls->tag_ops;
+ if (!tag_ops)
+ return 0;
+
+ return sysfs_enable_tagging(&cls->p->class_subsys.kobj, tag_ops);
+}
+
int __class_register(struct class *cls, struct lock_class_key *key)
{
 struct class_private *cp;
@@ -171,13 +182,24 @@ int __class_register(struct class *cls,
 cls->p = cp;

 error = kset_register(&cp->class_subsys);
- if (error) {
- kfree(cp);
- return error;
- }
+ if (error)
+ goto out_free_cp;
+
+ error = class_setup_tagging(cls);
+ if (error)
+ goto out_unregister;
+
 error = add_class_attrs(class_get(cls));
 class_put(cls);
+ if (error)
+ goto out_unregister;
+out:

```

```

    return error;
+out_unregister:
+ kset_unregister(&cp->class_subsys);
+out_free_cp:
+ kfree(cp);
+ goto out;
}
EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(__class_register);

```

Index: linux-mm/drivers/base/core.c

```

=====
--- linux-mm.orig/drivers/base/core.c
+++ linux-mm/drivers/base/core.c
@@ -618,6 +618,10 @@ static struct kobject *get_device_parent
    kobject_put(k);
    return NULL;
}
+ /* If we created a new class-directory setup tagging */
+ if (dev->class->tag_ops)
+ sysfs_enable_tagging(k, dev->class->tag_ops);
+
    /* do not emit an uevent for this simple "glue" directory */
    return k;
}
@@ -754,13 +758,14 @@ static void device_remove_class_symlinks

    if (dev->kobj.parent != &dev->class->p->class_subsys.kobj &&
        device_is_not_partition(dev))
- sysfs_remove_link(&dev->class->p->class_subsys.kobj,
+ sysfs_delete_link(&dev->class->p->class_subsys.kobj, &dev->kobj,
    dev_name(dev));
#else
    if (dev->parent && device_is_not_partition(dev))
        sysfs_remove_link(&dev->kobj, "device");

- sysfs_remove_link(&dev->class->p->class_subsys.kobj, dev_name(dev));
+ sysfs_delete_link(&dev->class->p->class_subsys.kobj, &dev->kobj,
+ dev_name(dev));
#endif

    sysfs_remove_link(&dev->kobj, "subsystem");
@@ -1349,6 +1354,16 @@ int device_rename(struct device *dev, ch
    strncpy(old_device_name, dev_name(dev), BUS_ID_SIZE);
    strncpy(dev->bus_id, new_name, BUS_ID_SIZE);

+#ifndef CONFIG_SYSFS_DEPRECATED
+ if (dev->class &&
+ (dev->kobj.parent != &dev->class->p->class_subsys.kobj)) {

```

```

+ error = sysfs_rename_link(&dev->class->p->class_subsys.kobj,
+ &dev->kobj, old_device_name, new_name);
+ if (error)
+ goto out;
+ }
+ #endif
+
error = kobject_rename(&dev->kobj, new_name);
if (error) {
    strcpy(dev->bus_id, old_device_name, BUS_ID_SIZE);
@@ -1357,23 +1372,13 @@ int device_rename(struct device *dev, ch

#ifdef CONFIG_SYSFS_DEPRECATED
    if (old_class_name) {
+ error = -ENOMEM;
    new_class_name = make_class_name(dev->class->name, &dev->kobj);
- if (new_class_name) {
- error = sysfs_create_link(&dev->parent->kobj,
- &dev->kobj, new_class_name);
- if (error)
- goto out;
- sysfs_remove_link(&dev->parent->kobj, old_class_name);
- }
- }
- #else
- if (dev->class) {
- error = sysfs_create_link(&dev->class->p->class_subsys.kobj,
- &dev->kobj, dev_name(dev));
- if (error)
- goto out;
- sysfs_remove_link(&dev->class->p->class_subsys.kobj,
- old_device_name);
+ if (new_class_name)
+ error = sysfs_rename_link(&dev->parent->kobj,
+ &dev->kobj,
+ old_class_name,
+ new_class_name);
    }
}
#endif

```

Index: linux-mm/include/linux/device.h

```

=====
--- linux-mm.orig/include/linux/device.h
+++ linux-mm/include/linux/device.h
@@ -195,6 +195,8 @@ struct class {
    int (*suspend)(struct device *dev, pm_message_t state);
    int (*resume)(struct device *dev);

```

```
+ const struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations *tag_ops;
+
+ struct pm_ops *pm;
+ struct class_private *p;
+};
```

--

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Subject: [PATCH 09/11] sysfs: add sysfs_ns_exit routine
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Add sysfs routine sysfs_ns_exit() to allow a namespace to go away while sysfs is still mounted.

The exiting namespace calls this routine and pass it a callback to be called for every sysfs superblocks present. The callback contains the necessary code to clean the superblock tag data associated with this namespace.

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fs/sysfs/mount.c | 21 +++++
include/linux/sysfs.h | 8 +++++
2 files changed, 29 insertions(+)

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/mount.c

```
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/mount.c
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/mount.c
@@ -181,6 +181,27 @@ restart:
     spin_unlock(&sb_lock);
 }

+/* Clean sysfs tags related to a given namespace when it exits */
+void sysfs_ns_exit(void (*func)(struct sysfs_tag_info *, void *), void *data)
+{
+ /* Allow the namespace to go away while sysfs is still mounted. */
+ struct super_block *sb;
+ mutex_lock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
+ sysfs_grab_supers();
+ mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ list_for_each_entry(sb, &sysfs_fs_type.fs_supers, s_instances) {
```

```

+
+ struct sysfs_super_info *info = sysfs_info(sb);
+ /* Call the cleaning routine provided by the namespace.
+ * data is the current namespace id passed by the namespace.
+ */
+ func(&info->tag, data);
+ }
+ mutex_unlock(&sysfs_mutex);
+ sysfs_release_supers();
+ mutex_unlock(&sysfs_rename_mutex);
+}
+
int __init sysfs_init(void)
{
    int err = -ENOMEM;

```

Index: linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h

```

=====
--- linux-mm.orig/include/linux/sysfs.h
+++ linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h
@@ -136,6 +136,9 @@ void sysfs_printk_last_file(void);
int sysfs_enable_tagging(struct kobject *kobj,
    const struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations *tag_ops);

+void sysfs_ns_exit(void (*func)(struct sysfs_tag_info *, void *),
+ void *data);
+
extern int __must_check sysfs_init(void);

#else /* CONFIG_SYSFS */
@@ -249,6 +252,11 @@ static inline int sysfs_enable_tagging(s
    return 0;
}

+static inline void sysfs_ns_exit(void (*func)(struct sysfs_tag_info *, void *),
+ void *data)
+{
+}
+
static inline int __must_check sysfs_init(void)
{
    return 0;
}
--

```

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Subject: [PATCH 10/11] netns: Enable tagging for net_class directories in sysfs

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net: Enable tagging for net_class directories in sysfs

The problem. Network devices show up in sysfs and with the network namespace active multiple devices with the same name can show up in the same directory, ouch!

To avoid that problem and allow existing applications in network namespaces to see the same interface that is currently presented in sysfs, this patch enables the tagging directory support in sysfs.

By using the network namespace pointers as tags to separate out the the sysfs directory entries we ensure that we don't have conflicts in the directories and applications only see a limited set of the network devices.

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```
fs/sysfs/mount.c      | 8 ++++++++
include/linux/sysfs.h | 2 ++
net/Kconfig           | 2 +-
net/core/net-sysfs.c | 45 ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
4 files changed, 56 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
```

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/mount.c

=====

--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/mount.c

+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/mount.c

@@ -16,6 +16,8 @@

```
#include <linux/mount.h>
```

```
#include <linux/pagemap.h>
```

```
#include <linux/init.h>
```

```
+#include <linux/nsproxy.h>
```

```
+#include <net/net_namespace.h>
```

```
#include "sysfs.h"
```

@@ -78,6 +80,7 @@ static int sysfs_fill_super(struct super

```
root->d_sb = sb;
```

```
sb->s_root = root;
```

```
sb->s_fs_info = info;
```

```
+ info->tag.net_ns = hold_net(current->nsproxy->net_ns);
```

```
return 0;
```

out_err:

```
@@ -95,6 +98,9 @@ static int sysfs_test_super(struct super
    struct sysfs_super_info *info = sysfs_info(sb);
    int found = 1;

+ if (task->nsproxy->net_ns != info->tag.net_ns)
+ found = 0;
+
    return found;
}
```

```
@@ -131,6 +137,8 @@ static void sysfs_kill_sb(struct super_b
    struct sysfs_super_info *info = sysfs_info(sb);

    kill_anon_super(sb);
+ if (info->tag.net_ns)
+ release_net(info->tag.net_ns);
    kfree(info);
}
```

Index: linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h

```
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/include/linux/sysfs.h
+++ linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h
@@ -19,6 +19,7 @@
```

```
struct kobject;
struct module;
+struct net;
```

```
extern int kobject_set_name(struct kobject *kobj, const char *name, ...)
    __attribute__((format(printf, 2, 3)));
@@ -81,6 +82,7 @@ struct sysfs_ops {
};
```

```
struct sysfs_tag_info {
+ struct net *net_ns;
};
```

```
struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations {
Index: linux-mm/net/Kconfig
```

```
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/net/Kconfig
+++ linux-mm/net/Kconfig
@@ -30,7 +30,7 @@ menu "Networking options"
config NET_NS
    bool "Network namespace support"
    default n
- depends on EXPERIMENTAL && !SYSFS && NAMESPACES
```

+ depends on EXPERIMENTAL && NAMESPACES

help

Allow user space to create what appear to be multiple instances of the network stack.

Index: linux-mm/net/core/net-sysfs.c

```
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/net/core/net-sysfs.c
+++ linux-mm/net/core/net-sysfs.c
@@ -13,7 +13,9 @@
#include <linux/kernel.h>
#include <linux/netdevice.h>
#include <linux/if_arp.h>
+#include <linux/nsproxy.h>
#include <net/sock.h>
+#include <net/net_namespace.h>
#include <linux/rtnetlink.h>
#include <linux/wireless.h>
#include <net/iw_handler.h>
@@ -385,6 +387,28 @@ static struct attribute_group wireless_g
};
#endif

+/*
+ * sysfs: allow the net namespace to go away while sysfs is still mounted.
+ */
+static void net_sysfs_net_exit_cb(struct sysfs_tag_info *tag_info, void *data)
+{
+ struct net *net = (struct net *)data;
+
+ if (tag_info->net_ns != net)
+ return;
+ release_net(tag_info->net_ns);
+ tag_info->net_ns = NULL;
+}
+
+void net_sysfs_net_exit(struct net *net)
+{
+ sysfs_ns_exit(net_sysfs_net_exit_cb, net);
+}
+
+static struct pernet_operations net_sysfs_ops = {
+ .exit = net_sysfs_net_exit,
+};
+
#endif /* CONFIG_SYSFS */

#ifdef CONFIG_HOTPLUG
@@ -421,6 +445,23 @@ static void netdev_release(struct device
```

```

    kfree((char *)dev - dev->padded);
}

+static const void *net_sb_tag(struct sysfs_tag_info *info)
+{
+ return info->net_ns;
+}
+
+static const void *net_kobject_tag(struct kobject *kobj)
+{
+ struct net_device *dev;
+ dev = container_of(kobj, struct net_device, dev.kobj);
+ return dev_net(dev);
+}
+
+static const struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations net_tagged_dir_operations = {
+ .sb_tag = net_sb_tag,
+ .kobject_tag = net_kobject_tag,
+};
+
static struct class net_class = {
    .name = "net",
    .dev_release = netdev_release,
@@ -430,6 +471,7 @@ static struct class net_class = {
#ifdef CONFIG_HOTPLUG
    .dev_uevent = netdev_uevent,
#endif
+ .tag_ops = &net_tagged_dir_operations,
};

/* Delete sysfs entries but hold kobject reference until after all
@@ -475,5 +517,8 @@ void netdev_initialize_kobject(struct ne

int netdev_kobject_init(void)
{
#ifdef CONFIG_SYSFS
+ register_pernet_subsys(&net_sysfs_ops);
#endif
    return class_register(&net_class);
}

```

--

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Subject: [PATCH 11/11] sysfs: user namespaces: fix bug with clone(CLONE_NEWUSER) with fairsched
Posted by [Benjamin Thery](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 17:09:19 GMT
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Mark the /sys/kernel/uids directory to be tagged so that processes in different user namespaces can remount /sys and see their own uid listings.

Without this patch, having CONFIG_FAIR_SCHED=y makes user namespaces unusable, because when you clone(CLONE_NEWUSER) it will auto-create the root userid and try to create /sys/kernel/uids/0. Since that already exists from the parent user namespace, the create fails, and the clone misleadingly ends up returning -ENOMEM.

This patch fixes the issue by allowing each user namespace to remount /sys, and having /sys filter the /sys/kernel/uid/ entries by user namespace.

Signed-off-by: Serge Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>
Signed-off-by: Benjamin Thery <benjamin.thery@bull.net>

```
---  
fs/sysfs/mount.c      | 3 +++  
include/linux/sched.h | 1 +  
include/linux/sysfs.h | 2 ++  
kernel/user.c         | 21 ++++++  
kernel/user_namespace.c | 13 ++++++  
5 files changed, 39 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
```

Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/mount.c

```
=====
```

```
--- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/mount.c  
+++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/mount.c  
@@ -81,6 +81,7 @@ static int sysfs_fill_super(struct super  
    sb->s_root = root;  
    sb->s_fs_info = info;  
    info->tag.net_ns = hold_net(current->nsproxy->net_ns);  
+ info->tag.user_ns = current->nsproxy->user_ns;  
    return 0;
```

```
out_err:  
@@ -100,6 +101,8 @@ static int sysfs_test_super(struct super  
  
    if (task->nsproxy->net_ns != info->tag.net_ns)  
        found = 0;  
+ if (task->nsproxy->user_ns != info->tag.user_ns)  
+ found = 0;
```

```
return found;
}
```

Index: linux-mm/include/linux/sched.h

```
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/include/linux/sched.h
+++ linux-mm/include/linux/sched.h
@@ -604,6 +604,7 @@ struct user_struct {
/* Hash table maintenance information */
struct hlist_node uidhash_node;
uid_t uid;
+ struct user_namespace *user_ns;
```

```
#ifdef CONFIG_USER_SCHED
struct task_group *tg;
```

Index: linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h

```
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/include/linux/sysfs.h
+++ linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h
@@ -20,6 +20,7 @@
struct kobject;
struct module;
struct net;
+struct user_namespace;
```

```
extern int kobject_set_name(struct kobject *kobj, const char *name, ...)
__attribute__((format(printf, 2, 3)));
```

```
@@ -83,6 +84,7 @@ struct sysfs_ops {
```

```
struct sysfs_tag_info {
struct net *net_ns;
+ struct user_namespace *user_ns;
};
```

```
struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations {
```

Index: linux-mm/kernel/user.c

```
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/kernel/user.c
+++ linux-mm/kernel/user.c
@@ -53,6 +53,7 @@ struct user_struct root_user = {
.files = ATOMIC_INIT(0),
.sigpending = ATOMIC_INIT(0),
.locked_shm = 0,
+ .user_ns = &init_user_ns,
#ifdef CONFIG_USER_SCHED
.tg = &init_task_group,
#endif
@@ -236,6 +237,23 @@ static void uids_release(struct kobject
```

```

return;
}

+static const void *usersns_sb_tag(struct sysfs_tag_info *info)
+{
+ return info->user_ns;
+}
+
+static const void *usersns_kobject_tag(struct kobject *kobj)
+{
+ struct user_struct *up;
+ up = container_of(kobj, struct user_struct, kobj);
+ return up->user_ns;
+}
+
+static struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations usersns_tagged_dir_operations = {
+ .sb_tag = usersns_sb_tag,
+ .kobject_tag = usersns_kobject_tag,
+};
+
+static struct kobj_type uids_ktype = {
+ .sysfs_ops = &kobj_sysfs_ops,
+ .default_attrs = uids_attributes,
@@ -272,6 +290,8 @@ int __init uids_sysfs_init(void)
+ if (!uids_kset)
+ return -ENOMEM;

+ sysfs_enable_tagging(&uids_kset->kobj, &usersns_tagged_dir_operations);
+
+ return uids_user_create(&root_user);
}

@@ -404,6 +424,7 @@ struct user_struct *alloc_uid(struct use
+ goto out_unlock;

+ new->uid = uid;
+ new->user_ns = ns;
+ atomic_set(&new->__count, 1);

+ if (sched_create_user(new) < 0)
Index: linux-mm/kernel/user_namespace.c
=====
--- linux-mm.orig/kernel/user_namespace.c
+++ linux-mm/kernel/user_namespace.c
@@ -22,7 +22,7 @@ static struct user_namespace *clone_user
+ struct user_struct *new_user;
+ int n;

```

```

- ns = kmalloc(sizeof(struct user_namespace), GFP_KERNEL);
+ ns = kzalloc(sizeof(struct user_namespace), GFP_KERNEL);
  if (!ns)
    return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);

@@ -66,11 +66,22 @@ struct user_namespace * copy_user_ns(int
  return new_ns;
}

+/* clear sysfs tag when user namespace exits */
+static void sysfs_userns_exit(struct sysfs_tag_info *tag_info, void *data)
+{
+ struct user_namespace *ns = (struct user_namespace *)data;
+
+ if (tag_info->user_ns != ns)
+ return;
+ tag_info->user_ns = NULL;
+}
+
void free_user_ns(struct kref *kref)
{
  struct user_namespace *ns;

  ns = container_of(kref, struct user_namespace, kref);
+ sysfs_ns_exit(sysfs_userns_exit, ns);
  release_uids(ns);
  kfree(ns);
}

--

```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 01/11] sysfs: Support for preventing unmounts.
Posted by [Dave Hansen](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 17:44:23 GMT
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On Wed, 2008-06-18 at 19:07 +0200, Benjamin They wrote:
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 01/11] sysfs: Support for preventing unmounts.

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 20:12:27 GMT

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Dave Hansen <dave@linux.vnet.ibm.com> writes:

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- Coming through the vfs we are guaranteed that the filesystem will not be unmounted while we have a reference on a dentry, and with multiple mounts we do not get that guarantee. Therefore to get that guarantee for all of the superblocks we need the blunt instrument.
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I believe any distributed filesystem that is together enough to tell us about renames (so we can update the dcache) instead of doing the NFS timeout will need the ability to block mount/unmount while it is executing `d_move`.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 09/11] sysfs: add sysfs_ns_exit routine
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 20:19:37 GMT

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Benjamin Thery <benjamin.thery@bull.net> writes:

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> sysfs is still mounted.

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> The exiting namespace calls this routine and pass it a callback to be
> called for every sysfs superblocks present. The callback contains the
> necessary code to clean the superblock tag data associated with this
> namespace.

My apologies for not looking at this earlier. This is a nice cleanup.
Thank you.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 01/11] sysfs: Support for preventing unmounts.
Posted by [Benjamin Thery](#) on Thu, 19 Jun 2008 08:54:49 GMT

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Eric W. Biederman wrote:

> Dave Hansen <dave@linux.vnet.ibm.com> writes:

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> executing d_move.
>
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> an internal mount and then never unmount sysfs.

Thanks Eric for detailing this.
I think you explained it in much better way than I could do.
You're the author of the patch after all ;-)

Benjamin

>
> Eric
>
>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 01/11] sysfs: Support for preventing unmounts.
Posted by [Dave Hansen](#) on Thu, 19 Jun 2008 16:32:11 GMT
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On Wed, 2008-06-18 at 13:12 -0700, Eric W. Biederman wrote:

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 01/11] sysfs: Support for preventing unmounts.
Posted by [Benjamin Thery](#) on Thu, 19 Jun 2008 20:19:41 GMT
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Quoting Dave Hansen <dave@linux.vnet.ibm.com>:

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>
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Yes sure.

I'll add it to the patch introduction.

Benjamin

>
> -- Dave
>
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>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 05/11] sysfs: sysfs_chmod_file handle multiple superblocks
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Sun, 22 Jun 2008 04:46:50 GMT
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Hello, guys. Sorry about the long silence. Recent releases of popular distros overwhelmed me with ata bugs. They now seem to be under control (and hopefully stay that way for some time to come).

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Acked-by: Tejun Heo <tj@kernel.org>

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> Teach sysfs_chmod_file how to handle multiple sysfs
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Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 02:05:21 GMT
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Hello,

```
> Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/file.c
> =====
> --- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/file.c
> +++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/file.c
> @@ -460,9 +460,9 @@ void sysfs_notify(struct kobject *k, cha
> mutex_lock(&sysfs_mutex);
>
> if (sd && dir)
> - sd = sysfs_find_dirent(sd, dir);
> + sd = sysfs_find_dirent(sd, NULL, dir);
> if (sd && attr)
> - sd = sysfs_find_dirent(sd, attr);
> + sd = sysfs_find_dirent(sd, NULL, attr);
> if (sd) {
> struct sysfs_open_dirent *od;
>
```

As only directories can be tagged, I suppose handling tags explicitly isn't necessary here, right? Can we please add a comment explaining that?

```
> Index: linux-mm/fs/sysfs/inode.c
> =====
> --- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/inode.c
> +++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/inode.c
> @@ -217,17 +217,20 @@ struct inode * sysfs_get_inode(struct sy
> return inode;
> }
>
> -int sysfs_hash_and_remove(struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd, const char *name)
> +int sysfs_hash_and_remove(struct kobject *kobj, struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd,
```

```

> + const char *name)
> {
> struct sysfs_addrm_cxt acxt;
> struct sysfs_dirent *sd;
> + const void *tag;
>
> if (!dir_sd)
> return -ENOENT;
>
> sysfs_addrm_start(&acxt, dir_sd);
> + tag = sysfs_removal_tag(kobj, dir_sd);
>
> - sd = sysfs_find_dirent(dir_sd, name);
> + sd = sysfs_find_dirent(dir_sd, tag, name);
> if (sd)
> sysfs_remove_one(&acxt, sd);

```

Taking both @kobj and @dir_sd is ugly but it isn't your fault. I'll clean things up later.

```

> Index: linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h
> =====
> --- linux-mm.orig/include/linux/sysfs.h
> +++ linux-mm/include/linux/sysfs.h
> @@ -80,6 +80,14 @@ struct sysfs_ops {
> ssize_t (*store)(struct kobject *,struct attribute *,const char *, size_t);
> };
>
> +struct sysfs_tag_info {
> +};
> +
> +struct sysfs_tagged_dir_operations {
> + const void *(*sb_tag)(struct sysfs_tag_info *info);
> + const void *(*kobject_tag)(struct kobject *kobj);
> +};

```

As before, I can't bring myself to like this interface. Is computing tags dynamically really necessary? Can't we do the followings?

```

tag = sysfs_allocate_tag(s);
sysfs_enable_tag(kobj (or sd), tag);
sysfs_sb_show_tag(sb, tag);

```

Where tags are allocated using ida and each sb has bitmap of enabled tags so that sysfs ops can simply use something like the following to test whether it's enabled.

```

bool sysfs_tag_enabled(sb, tag)

```

```
{  
return sysfs_info(sb)->tag_map & (1 << tag);  
}
```

Tags which can change dynamically seems too confusing to me and it makes things difficult to verify as it's unclear how those tags are gonna to change.

Thanks.

--
tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 07/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs_delete_link and sysfs_rename_link

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 02:13:12 GMT

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Benjamin They wrote:

> sysfs: Implement sysfs_delete_link and sysfs_rename_link
>
> When removing a symlink sysfs_remove_link does not provide
> enough information to figure out which tagged directory the symlink
> falls in. So I need sysfs_delete_link which is passed the target
> of the symlink to delete.
>
> Further half the time when we are removing a symlink the code is
> actually renaming the symlink but not doing so explicitly because
> we don't have a symlink rename method. So I have added sysfs_rename_link
> as well.
>
> Both of these functions now have enough information to find a symlink
> in a tagged directory. The only restriction is that they must be called
> before the target kobject is renamed or deleted. If they are called
> later I lose track of which tag the target kobject was marked with
> and can no longer find the old symlink to remove it.
>
> Signed-off-by: Eric W. Biederman <ebiederm@xmission.com>
> Signed-off-by: Benjamin They <benjamin.they@bull.net>

Ugly but given the current interface limitations...

Acked-by: Tejun Heo <tj@kernel.org>

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 09/11] sysfs: add sysfs_ns_exit routine
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 02:16:12 GMT
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Benjamin Thery wrote:
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>
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> namespace.
>
> Signed-off-by: Benjamin Thery <benjamin.thery@bull.net>

Similar object to earlier dynamic tag thing. Can't we just have something like sysfs_murder_sb(sb) where @sb represents a ns?

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 10/11] netns: Enable tagging for net_class directories in sysfs
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 02:18:12 GMT
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Benjamin Thery wrote:
> --- linux-mm.orig/fs/sysfs/mount.c
> +++ linux-mm/fs/sysfs/mount.c
> @@ -16,6 +16,8 @@
> #include <linux/mount.h>
> #include <linux/pagemap.h>
> #include <linux/init.h>
> +#include <linux/nsproxy.h>

```

> +#include <net/net_namespace.h>
>
> #include "sysfs.h"
>
> @@ -78,6 +80,7 @@ static int sysfs_fill_super(struct super
> root->d_sb = sb;
> sb->s_root = root;
> sb->s_fs_info = info;
> + info->tag.net_ns = hold_net(current->nsproxy->net_ns);
> return 0;
>
> out_err:
> @@ -95,6 +98,9 @@ static int sysfs_test_super(struct super
> struct sysfs_super_info *info = sysfs_info(sb);
> int found = 1;
>
> + if (task->nsproxy->net_ns != info->tag.net_ns)
> + found = 0;
> +
> return found;
> }
>
> @@ -131,6 +137,8 @@ static void sysfs_kill_sb(struct super_b
> struct sysfs_super_info *info = sysfs_info(sb);
>
> kill_anon_super(sb);
> + if (info->tag.net_ns)
> + release_net(info->tag.net_ns);
> kfree(info);
> }

```

Ouch... Please don't hard code net_ns functions directly from sysfs. Please make a proper abstraction for ns, make net_ns register it and sysfs test the abstract ns.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 11/11] sysfs: user namespaces: fix bug with clone(CLONE_NEWUSER) with fairsched

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 02:18:58 GMT

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Benjamin They wrote:

> Mark the /sys/kernel/uids directory to be tagged so that processes in
> different user namespaces can remount /sys and see their own uid
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>
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> it will auto-create the root userid and try to create
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> returning -ENOMEM.
>
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> namespace.
>
> Signed-off-by: Serge Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>
> Signed-off-by: Benjamin They <benjamin.they@bull.net>

Ditto as patch #10.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 05/11] sysfs: sysfs_chmod_file handle multiple superblocks

Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 21:42:35 GMT

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Tejun Heo wrote:

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 05/11] sysfs: sysfs_chmod_file handle multiple superblocks
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<http://article.gmane.org/gmane.linux.file-systems/24484>

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Thanks.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 05/11] sysfs: sysfs_chmod_file handle multiple superblocks
Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Tue, 24 Jun 2008 10:39:46 GMT

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Tejun Heo wrote:

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> Daniel Lezcano wrote:

>>> I think it would be great if sysfs_chmod_file can do all-or-nothing

>>> instead of failing half way through but given the interface of

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Much better than my first proposition :)

I will do a separate patchset.

Thanks.

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clone(CLONE_NEWUSER) with fairsched
Posted by [serue](#) on Wed, 25 Jun 2008 18:44:09 GMT
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Quoting Tejun Heo (htejun@gmail.com):

> Benjamin Thery wrote:
> > Mark the /sys/kernel/uids directory to be tagged so that processes in
> > different user namespaces can remount /sys and see their own uid
> > listings.
> >
> > Without this patch, having CONFIG_FAIR_SCHED=y makes user namespaces
> > unusable, because when you
> > clone(CLONE_NEWUSER)
> > it will auto-create the root userid and try to create
> > /sys/kernel/uids/0. Since that already exists from the parent user
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> > returning -ENOMEM.
> >
> > This patch fixes the issue by allowing each user namespace to remount
> > /sys, and having /sys filter the /sys/kernel/uid/ entries by user
> > namespace.
> >
> > Signed-off-by: Serge Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>
> > Signed-off-by: Benjamin Thery <benjamin.thery@bull.net>
>
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In itself it seems an ok check (temporarily) to make sure that the net_ns hook to unset the tag.netns at netns release is properly working, but given that it's only checking for net_ns coding errors, and Tejun wants a whole generic hooking infrastructure for net_ns to register with so as to keep mention of net_ns out of sysfs code, yeah I think the sane thing is to just remove it.

But the first thing (after Daniel is finished with the patch 5 fallout) is to address the patch 6 comments about using ida. At first I didn't like it (seemed like too much bookkeeping) but I think it'll actually work out very nicely.

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>> =====
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>> @@ -80,6 +80,14 @@ struct sysfs_ops {
>> ssize_t (*store)(struct kobject *,struct attribute *,const char *, size_t);
>> };
```



```

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>> +};
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When we go to remove a `kobj` using the existing tag on the object is the right choice.

Rename is the fun case where we need to grab the old tag from the `sd` and place on it the new tag from `kobject_tag`.

One of the big problems at least with the class directories is that the lifetimes are completely decoupled the between the tags and the subsystem objects and subsystem directories that need to be tagged. This isn't a set things up at the start of your subsystem and everything is happy situation. To handle the races there must be support at least at the `kobject` level for handling this in the network namespace case.

Eric

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Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Sun, 29 Jun 2008 03:35:36 GMT

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So some concrete code examples here. In the current code in lookup what I am doing is:

```

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sd = sysfs_find_dirent(parent_sd, tag, dentry->d_name.name);

```

With the proposed change of adding tag types sysfs_lookup_tag becomes:

```

const void *sysfs_lookup_tag(struct sysfs_dirent *dir_sd, struct super_block *sb)
{
    const void *tag = NULL;

    if (dir_sd->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED)
        tag = sysfs_info(sb)->tag[dir_sd->tag_type];

    return tag;
}

```

Which means that in practice I can lookup that tag that I am displaying once.

Then in sysfs_find_dirent we do:

```

for (sd = parent_sd->s_dir.children; sd; sd = sd->s_sibling) {
    if ((parent_sd->s_flags & SYSFS_FLAG_TAGGED) &&
        (sd->s_tag.tag != tag))
        continue;
    if (!strcmp(sd->s_name, name))
        return sd;
}

```

That should keep the implementation sufficiently inside of sysfs for there

to be no guessing. In addition as a practical matter we can only allow one tag to be visible in a directory at once or else we can not check for duplicate names. Which is the problem I see with a bitmap based test too unnecessary many degrees of freedom.

The number of tag types will be low as it is the number of subsystems that use the feature. Simple enough that I expect statically allocating the tag types in an enumeration is a safe and sane way to operate. i.e.

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enum sysfs_tag_types {
  SYSFS_TAG_NETNS,
  SYSFS_TAG_USERNS,
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I agree. Most of the implementation is in sysfs already. We just have a few corner cases.

Fundamentally it is the subsystems responsibility that creates the kobjects and the sysfs entries. The only case where I can see an ida generated number being a help is if we start having lifetime issues. Further the extra work to allocate and free tags ida based tags seems unnecessary.

I don't doubt that there is a lot we can do better. My current goal is for something that is clean enough it won't get us into trouble later, and then merging the code. In tree where people can see the code and the interactions I expect it will be easier to talk about.

Currently the interface with the users is very small. Adding the tag_type enumeration should make it smaller and make things more obviously static.

Guys can we please make something useful happen?

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>>>>>

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>>>>> change dynamically, there shouldn't be functional difference.

>>>>>

>>>>>> The tags in practice are just pointers to the namespace pointers.

>>>>>>

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>>>>>> we are talking about for a directory it isn't sufficient.

>>>>>>

>>>>>>> I failed to follow here. Can you please elaborate a bit? If you can

>>>>>>> describe a simple example to me, it would be much appreciated.

>>>>>>>

>>>>>>>> See below.

>>>>>>>>

>>>>>>>>> The question sysfs_tag_enabled(sb, tag) makes no sense to me.

>>>>>>>>> Especially in the context of needed a sysfs_sb_show_tag(sb, tag);

>>>>>>>>>

>>>>>>>>>> The current structure is because of all of the darn fool races and

>>>>>>>>>> magic that sysfs does. We have to say for a given directory: Your

> >> contents will always be tagged, and only those that one tag that
> >> matches what was captured by the superblock when sysfs is mounted
> >> will be shown.

> >
> > sysfs_tag_enabled() was meant to test whether a directory which is
> > tagged should be shown under the current sb.

>
> Ah. When we are doing readdir or lookup. Yes that makes sense.

>
> See below. I honestly think sysfs_tab_enabled is the wrong question.

>
> >>> Tags which can change dynamically seems too confusing to me and it
> >>> makes things difficult to verify as it's unclear how those tags are
> >>> gonna to change.

> >>
> >> We have a fundamental issue that we have to handle, and it sounds like
> >> you are proposing something that will not handle it.

> >>
> >> - network devices can move between namespaces.
> >> - network devices have driver specific sysfs attributes hanging off of them.

> >>
> >> So we have to move the network devices and their sysfs attributes
> >> between namespaces, and I implemented that in kobject_rename,
> >> sysfs_rename path.

> >>
> >> The tags on a kobject can only change during a rename operation.
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> >> set of functions: sysfs_creation_tag, sysfs_removal_tag,
> >> sysfs_lookup_tag, sysfs_dirent_tag which makes it clear what we
> >> are doing.

> >>
> >> If you really don't like how the tags are managed we need to talk
> >> about how we store the tags on kobjects and on the super block.

> >>
> >> Registering a set of tags could easily make the sb_tag function
> >> obsolete, and that is one small piece of code so it is no big deal.

> >>
> >> struct sysfs_tag_type_operations {
> >> const void *(*mount_tag)(void);
> >> const void *(*kobject_tag)(struct kobject *kobj);
> >> };
> >>

> >> Then we could do:
> >> struct sysfs_shtag_operations *tag_type_ops[MAX_TAG_TYPES];
> >>

> >> And sysfs_tag_info could become.
> >> struct sysfs_tag_info {
> >> void *tag[MAX_TAG_TYPES];

```

> >> };
> >>
> >> During subsystem initialization we could call
> >> tag_type = sysfs_allocate_tag_type();
> >>
> >> Just after the subsystem creates a directory.
> >> sysfs_enable_tagging(kobj/sd, tag_type);
> >>
> >> Then anytime we currently call sb_tag during lookup we can instead
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"Serge E. Hallyn" <serue@us.ibm.com> writes:

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My point exactly. No one seems to contest the userspace semantics so as long as we don't put ourselves into a real mess we should be fine.

Eric

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- Select the set of tags on a sb (at mount time)
This requires we call a set of callbacks. [My mount_sb callback]

- release a tag (which implies removing all tagged entries and removing the sb reference)

4. Interface with the kobject layer.

kobject_add calls sysfs_create_dir
kobject_rename calls sysfs_rename_dir
kobject_del calls sysfs_remove_dir

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We don't need callbacks to poll to see if the tags on a sd have changed.

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2. I don't think it's gonna be too difficult to speed up bitmap based lookup. It would require a bit more intelligence but there's no fundamental restriction. Just organizing the tree by tag first would give us the same order of magnitude lookup given that the tags are used the same way.

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> - Select the set of tags on a sb (at mount time)

> This requires we call a set of callbacks. [My mount_sb callback]

>

> - release a tag (which implies removing all tagged entries and
> removing the sb reference)

>

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Why not just add a parameter to sysfs_create_dir()? It's just twisted.

> For the second two operations we need to go from a kobject to a sd.
>
>> This has been my opinion from the beginning. Unless the tags need to be
>> changed dynamically on demand (which I hope is not the case), there just
>> is plainly no reason to have callbacks for tags.
>
> We don't need callbacks to poll to see if the tags on a sd have
> changed.
>
> We need helper functions for interfacing with the rest of the kernel.

Yes, that's why I view it as strange. These can be done in forward way
(by passing in mount options and/or arguments) but it's done by first
going into the sysfs and then calling back out to outer layer.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 2008 03:53:00 GMT
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Tejun Heo <htejun@gmail.com> writes:

> Hello,
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> Eric W. Biederman wrote:
>> What we are implementing is not, a sb with a set of tags that are displayed,
>> but directories with a single tag that is displayed. The sb just happens
>> to hold the state for the directories.
>>
>> A directory displaying only a single tag is an necessary constraint for
>> a large number of reasons.
>
> Okay, that isn't exactly the impression I get but... well. Let's see.

Well one of those reasons is not having duplicate entries in your directory listing.
That is much harder otherwise.

> A few things...
>

> 1. The lookup is currently done linearly and is fast enough for now.
> Also, most lookup ops are cached by vfs layer. I'm not sure how
> probable it is that we're gonna need hash or tree based sd lookup.

I don't know how bad sysfs is. On the sysctl side I have people complaining because I am doing a lookup during insert and that lookup is linear. Sysfs appears to have the same complexity as sysctl but just smaller constants.

>> That is just one important aspect of it. We need a way to describe
>> which tag a sb,directory pair displays. It is a fundamental concept.
>
> For netns, yes. I just think it would be better if the sysfs mechanism
> to support that concept is more generic especially because it doesn't
> seem too difficult to make it that way.

Well the envisioned use is for other namespaces and they all are similar to the network namespace in that way.

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>> as tagged_type_ops.
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I will look how if there is a place in the kobject layer to put it. With a second but noticeably different user I can compare and see how hard that will be.

>>> 3. enable / disable tag on a sb
>> Disagree that is too flexible. Tags on a sb need to be
>> unchanging or else we get vfs layer issues.
>
> Yeah, this really should be something which can't change once it's mounted.
The VFS chokes otherwise because it can't cache things properly.

>> Further the abstraction is logically exactly one tag on a
>> (sb,directory) pair.
>
> I'm not so sure here. As a policy, maybe but I don't really see a
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Well in the first implementation.

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At least though the conversation is in relative agreement. I will refresh the patches shortly and see where we are at.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 2008 04:37:32 GMT
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Agreed.

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>> to support that concept is more generic especially because it doesn't
>> seem too difficult to make it that way.
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> Well the envisioned use is for other namespaces and they all are similar
> to the network namespace in that way.

Something I've been curious about is a directory which contains both the
untagged entries and tagged ones. I can definitely imagine something
like that to be useful for block device namespace.

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Great, thanks.

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This pretty much defines the interface and is likely to force future
users to fit themselves into it.

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Thanks a lot for the patience. :-)

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [Andreas B Aen](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 2008 07:18:53 GMT
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On Wednesday 02 July 2008 06:37, Tejun Heo wrote:
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Useful. However I didn't know that an indexnumber was associated with the network namespaces.

Especially if you want to use network namespaces for scaleability and not isolation purposes.

Regards,

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 2008 16:49:33 GMT
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Tejun Heo <htejun@gmail.com> writes:

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Well gregkh thought it wasn't a good idea last time I tried exploring that.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] `sysfs`: Implement `sysfs` tagged directory support.

Posted by [gregkh](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 00:15:49 GMT

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On Wed, Jul 02, 2008 at 09:49:33AM -0700, Eric W. Biederman wrote:

> Assuming Greg will accept it when he sees reasonable patches.

I always accept "reasonable patches" :)

thanks,

greg k-h

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] `sysfs`: Implement `sysfs` tagged directory support.

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 03:18:45 GMT

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Greg says he would. :-)

Thanks a lot for your patience.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 05:11:08 GMT

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 10:56:17 GMT
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 12:27:01 GMT
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Daniel Lezcano <dlezcano@fr.ibm.com> writes:

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [Benjamin Thery](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 12:37:49 GMT
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Indeed, we observed some fun things with one distro (which defines some particular udev rules) when a device called eth0 in a namespace comes back to init net :)

Benjamin

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 12:55:38 GMT
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Ah Ok, I am not really familiar with kobject/sysfs so I thought there was a proposition to store the id in the kobject instead of using the tag callbacks, so I figured, perhaps, the idr could have been used in the kobject layer and the sysfs being built upon that.

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Yes as mentioned Benjamin, we have the eth0 in the init_net which is shut down when a network namespace with a netdev with the same name exists. There is a udev rule which ifdown eth0 :)

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 15:58:23 GMT
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Related delta: I've been thinking that uevents should be part of sysfs
not kobject as that's what the userland is gonna associate the event
with. Would that solve the problem you're thinking about?

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 18:29:42 GMT
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>> Daniel Lezcano <dlezcano@fr.ibm.com> writes:
>>
>>> The kobject events are sent through a netlink message which is not currently per
>>> network namespace. Shouldn't be useful to have a way to retrieve from the
>>> kobject the network namespace or the uevent socket associated with it ? IMHO
>>> having idr in the kobject + netns pointer associated may help to handle the
>>> sysfs isolation and makes the uevent per namespace trivial, no ?
>> Grumble. I have been conveniently been forgetting about that socket.
>> Similarly we have the user mode helpers to deal with.
>>
>> For this conversation there is a simple answer. All of that is in the
>> kobject layer, and works even when you compile sysfs out of your kernel.
>> Therefore it is a separate problem. And sysfs idr tags have nothing
>> to do with it.
>>
>> It is most definitely something we need to come back to. I bet there

>> are some interesting interactions when you have multiple network devices
>> with the same name generating events.
>
> Related delta: I've been thinking that uevents should be part of sysfs
> not kobject as that's what the userland is gonna associate the event
> with. Would that solve the problem you're thinking about?

uevents can work with the network namespaces being compiled in and the
sysfs compiled out. AFAICS, uevents will be unable to handle multiple
network namespaces if it is tied with sysfs, no ?

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 19:57:14 GMT
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Benjamin Thery <benjamin.thery@bull.net> writes:

> Indeed, we observed some fun things with one distro (which defines some
> particular udev rules) when a device called eth0 in a namespace comes back to
> init net :)

Speaking of. Don't let me forget but I have a patch I need to send out
that deletes pseudo devices instead of sending them back to eth0. We can't
do that for real hardware obviously but for things like veth and macvlan
devices it greatly simplifies the cleanup.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 06/11] sysfs: Implement sysfs tagged directory support.
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 20:08:52 GMT
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Tejun Heo <htejun@gmail.com> writes:

> Related delta: I've been thinking that uevents should be part of sysfs
> not kobject as that's what the userland is gonna associate the event
> with. Would that solve the problem you're thinking about?

The good news is that uevent_sock is currently restricted to just the initial network namespace (so the functionality completely disappears in the other namespaces), and that it is broadcast only.

So it should be possible to look at who the client is and by some magic criterion decide if it should receive the broadcast message.

The call to the user mode helper is trickier. How do we setup the proper user space context.

None of this is fundamentally hard just different work, for a different day.

Eric

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Subject: [PATCH 00/15] sysfs support for namespaces
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 00:48:40 GMT
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When multiple namespaces are in use we can get multiple kernel objects with the same name which is currently impossible to represent in sysfs. In particular directories like /sys/class/net and /sys/kernel/uids have significant problems.

Not wanting to change the user space interface and wanting to have a simple implementation where all objects are in the kobject and sysfs trees. The decision has been made to tag objects with the namespace they live in, and in a particular mount of sysfs only display objects with the tag that corresponds to the namespaces in effect when sysfs was mounted.

After the last round of reviews the mount/umount logic is significantly cleaned up and easier to maintain. From a 10,000 foot view the code and the way it functions has remained the same since we settled on tagged directories a year or so ago. I intend any future cleanups to be as incremental patches on top of this existing set.

Lack of these patches are keeping the generally complete network namespace work in 2.6.26 from being used and tested more heavily. Can we please get the patches merged?

These patches are based off of 2.6.26-rc8 + the -gregkh tree from last night. Hopefully that means they apply -mm -gregkh and -linux-next.

Eric

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Subject: [PATCH 01/15] kobject: Cleanup kobject_rename and !CONFIG_SYSFS
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 01:05:28 GMT
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It finally dawned on me what the clean fix to sysfs_rename_dir calling kobject_set_name is. Move the work into kobject_rename where it belongs. The callers serialize us anyway so this is safe.

Signed-off-by: Eric W. Biederman <ebiederm@xmission.com>

fs/sysfs/dir.c | 6 +-----
include/linux/sysfs.h | 4 +---
lib/kobject.c | 17 ++++++++-----
3 files changed, 17 insertions(+), 10 deletions(-)

```
diff --git a/fs/sysfs/dir.c b/fs/sysfs/dir.c
index 8c0e4b9..146b86a 100644
--- a/fs/sysfs/dir.c
+++ b/fs/sysfs/dir.c
@@ -799,16 +799,12 @@ int sysfs_rename_dir(struct kobject * kobj, const char *new_name)
     if (!new_dentry)
         goto out_unlock;

- /* rename kobject and sysfs_dirent */
+ /* rename sysfs_dirent */
     error = -ENOMEM;
     new_name = dup_name = kstrdup(new_name, GFP_KERNEL);
     if (!new_name)
         goto out_unlock;

- error = kobject_set_name(kobj, "%s", new_name);
- if (error)
-     goto out_unlock;
-
```

```
dup_name = sd->s_name;
sd->s_name = new_name;
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/sysfs.h b/include/linux/sysfs.h
```

```
index 84d92bb..f7e43ed 100644
```

```
--- a/include/linux/sysfs.h
```

```
+++ b/include/linux/sysfs.h
```

```
@@ -20,8 +20,6 @@
```

```
struct kobject;
struct module;
```

```
-extern int kobject_set_name(struct kobject *kobj, const char *name, ...)
```

```
-    __attribute__((format(printf, 2, 3)));
```

```
/* FIXME
```

```
 * The *owner field is no longer used, but leave around
```

```
 * until the tree gets cleaned up fully.
```

```
@@ -140,7 +138,7 @@ static inline void sysfs_remove_dir(struct kobject *kobj)
```

```
static inline int sysfs_rename_dir(struct kobject *kobj, const char *new_name)
```

```
{
```

```
- return kobject_set_name(kobj, "%s", new_name);
```

```
+ return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
static inline int sysfs_move_dir(struct kobject *kobj,
```

```
diff --git a/lib/kobject.c b/lib/kobject.c
```

```
index 829b839..49b3bc4 100644
```

```
--- a/lib/kobject.c
```

```
+++ b/lib/kobject.c
```

```
@@ -451,6 +451,7 @@ int kobject_rename(struct kobject *kobj, const char *new_name)
```

```
{
```

```
int error = 0;
```

```
const char *devpath = NULL;
```

```
+ const char *dup_name = NULL, *name;
```

```
char *devpath_string = NULL;
```

```
char *envp[2];
```

```
@@ -474,15 +475,27 @@ int kobject_rename(struct kobject *kobj, const char *new_name)
```

```
envp[0] = devpath_string;
```

```
envp[1] = NULL;
```

```
+ name = dup_name = kstrdup(new_name, GFP_KERNEL);
```

```
+ if (!name) {
```

```
+ error = -ENOMEM;
```

```
+ goto out;
```

```
+ }
```

```
+ 
```

```
error = sysfs_rename_dir(kobj, new_name);
```



```
+ if (error)
+ goto out;
+
+ /* Install the new kobject name */
+ dup_name = kobj->name;
+ kobj->name = name;

/* This function is mostly/only used for network interface.
 * Some hotplug package track interfaces by their name and
 * therefore want to know when the name is changed by the user. */
- if (!error)
- kobject_uevent_env(kobj, KOBJ_MOVE, envp);
+ kobject_uevent_env(kobj, KOBJ_MOVE, envp);

out:
+ kfree(dup_name);
  kfree(devpath_string);
  kfree(devpath);
  kobject_put(kobj);
--
1.5.3.rc6.17.g1911
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 00/15] sysfs support for namespaces
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 01:27:29 GMT
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I should mention patches 1-12 are the core of the work.

Patches 13-15 are the users. Included in complete form primarily to aid review.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 01/15] kobject: Cleanup kobject_rename and !CONFIG_SYSFS
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 06:33:23 GMT

Eric W. Biederman wrote:

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> safe.

>
> Signed-off-by: Eric W. Biederman <ebiederm@xmission.com>

Nice clean up. Acked-by: Tejun Heo <tj@kernel.org>

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 00/15] sysfs support for namespaces
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Sun, 06 Jul 2008 04:42:57 GMT

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>
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Eric

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 00/15] sysfs support for namespaces
Posted by [Cornelia Huck](#) on Mon, 07 Jul 2008 11:41:01 GMT
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On Sat, 05 Jul 2008 21:42:57 -0700,
ebiederm@xmission.com (Eric W. Biederman) wrote:

>
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 00/15] sysfs support for namespaces
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Mon, 07 Jul 2008 12:22:43 GMT
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Cornelia Huck <cornelia.huck@de.ibm.com> writes:

> My impression was that the networking folks didn't want any warnings for
> renaming failures, not just not for renaming a device to the same name.

Which would be reasonable. Because all of the checks have been done before `sysfs` is called so if `sysfs` sees a problem it is a `sysfs` bug.

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> a warning for the general case since this is usually caused by some
> problems in the calling code (and the alternative would be to add
> checks to all callers.)

Right. We just need to get the `sysfs` paths clean enough that we don't emit false positives. I think I have accomplished that for `rename`.

Eric

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