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Posted by [Nadia Derby](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 11:24:25 GMT

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kernel/pid.c                       | 116 ++++++-----
3 files changed, 102 insertions(+), 21 deletions(-)
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+{
+ int offset;
+ struct pidmap *map;
+
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+ return -EINVAL;
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+ map = &pid_ns->pidmap[next_nr / BITS_PER_PAGE];
+
+ if (unlikely(alloc_pidmap_page(map)))
+ return -ENOMEM;
+
+ offset = next_nr & BITS_PER_PAGE_MASK;
+ if (test_and_set_bit(offset, map->page))
+ return -EBUSY;
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+ atomic_dec(&map->nr_free);
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+ int rc;
+
+ rc = alloc_fixed_pidmap(ns, next_nr);
+ if (rc < 0)
+ return rc;
+
+ pid->numbers[i].nr = next_nr;
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struct pid *alloc_pid(struct pid_namespace *ns)
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    struct upid *upid;

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pid = kmem_cache_alloc(ns->pid_cachep, GFP_KERNEL);
- if (!pid)
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+ pid = ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
  goto out;
+ }

tmp = ns;
- for (i = ns->level; i >= 0; i--) {
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+ if (unlikely(next_data_set(current))) {
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+  * the kernel chose it for us.
+  */
+ int next_nr = get_next_data(current);
+ int rc;
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+ reset_next_syscall_data(current);
+ rc = set_predefined_pid(tmp, pid, next_nr);
+ if (rc < 0) {
+ pid = ERR_PTR(rc);
+ goto out_free;
+ }
+ /* Go up one level */
+ tmp = tmp->parent;
+ i--;
+ }
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+ /*
+  * Let the lower levels upid nrs be automatically allocated
+  */
+ for (; i >= 0; i--) {
  nr = alloc_pidmap(tmp);
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  goto out_free;
+ }

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pid->numbers[i].ns = tmp;
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  free_pidmap(pid->numbers + i);

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    if (clone_flags & CLONE_NEWPID) {  
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Posted by [serue](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 19:49:26 GMT

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Quoting Nadia.Derbey@bull.net (Nadia.Derbey@bull.net):

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thanks,

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Eric W. Biederman wrote:  
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Well for a pid namespace, so that is more confined.

Grr. We still need to move /proc/sys into /proc/<pid>/sys so it is clear that sysctls are per namespace.

You are right that doing it that way has downsides. In particular it is hard to parallelize the restoration of a pid namespace.

However the interface does exist, and it didn't look like you were reusing that code in your allocator.

It is my firm suspicion that restoring a process one syscall at a time is too fine a granularity. Certainly for the VM of a process it is.

So here is my suggestion for now. Take whatever approach you are doing and make it work for you. Go as far as you can go and see what the pitfalls are. Then on the 22nd we can all get in a room and discuss things, and if we are lucky agree on a path forward.

Eric

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