

Stacking & LSM Namespacing Redux

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Linux Security Modules (LSM)

- Provide security
- Often MAC but not necessarily
- Kernel provides security
 - Hooks
 - Located at security decision points
 - All security relevant info available
 - Race free
 - Security field in various objects
- selinux, smack, apparmor, tomoyo, IMA/EVM, loadpin, yama
- proposed: LSMs: LandLock, CaitSith, Checmate, HardChroot, PTAGS, SimpleFlow, SafeName, WhiteEgret, shebang, S.A.R.A.

Use Cases

- LSM enabled in container but not on Host
 - ChromeOS running Android SELinux container
 - Virtual smart phone env (Cells/Cellrox), multiple android instances
 - Thin linux host (clear linux)
- system container
 - lxd. run Ubuntu (apparmor) container on rhel (selinux) host
- application confinement
 - snap using apparmor running on fedora (selinux base system)
 - Docker
 - flatpak

Problem

The LSM is not Namespaced

LSM Namespacing

- Just Create an LSM Namespace!
- Presented & Discussed idea at Linux Plumbers 2017
 - Not enough semantic info at LSM layer
 - Some LSMs don't want to be “namespaced”
 - Want to bound container
 - No generic Solution
 - Real work needs to be done in security modules

Namespacing the LSMs

Requirements

- Not every LSM has the same requirements
- System level confinement (confine the container)
 - eg selinux using MCS label per container
 - do NOT want either OR mediation
 - ie. selinux mediating tasks outside
 - container using different LSM not confined by selinux
- Application level confinement
 - Not every LSM supports
- Dependent Components Need support (audit, ...)

Audit

- Want ContainerID
 - But ...
- Dependency of LSMs (apparmor, selinux, smack, ima)
- Not Namespaced
- Single Set of Rules
- Single daemon registration

Audit LSS16: Conclusion

- Auditd ok with MNT, UTS, IPC, CGRP ns
- NET ns ok for now
 - Will need audit_pid/portid per USER ns
- PID ns ok for now for audit user messages
 - Will need translation per PID ns
- Auditd per USER ns wanted for containers
- NamespaceID vs. Audit ContainerID
- Need audit log aggregation by container orch

AuditID

- U64
- containers can't be universally identified by namespace (sub)set
- audit daemon won't be tied to any namespace
- netNS needs list of possible IDs responsible for net events
- child inherits parent's ID
- allow multiple audit daemons
 - each will have its own queue and ruleset
 - auxiliaries can't influence host

SELinux NS

- Adds per-namespace selinuxfs instances
 - unshare mount ns and mount new selinuxfs
- Move AVC into namespace
- Add per-namespace support for kernel objects
- Write to selinuxfs unshare node to instantiate
- On Disk Inodes store all each NS label
- NS
 - Track nesting
 - Bounded enforcement

SELinux prototype

```
echo 1 > /sys/fs/selinux/unshare
```

```
unshare -m -n
```

```
umount /sys/fs/selinux
```

```
mount -t selinuxfs none /sys/fs/selinux
```

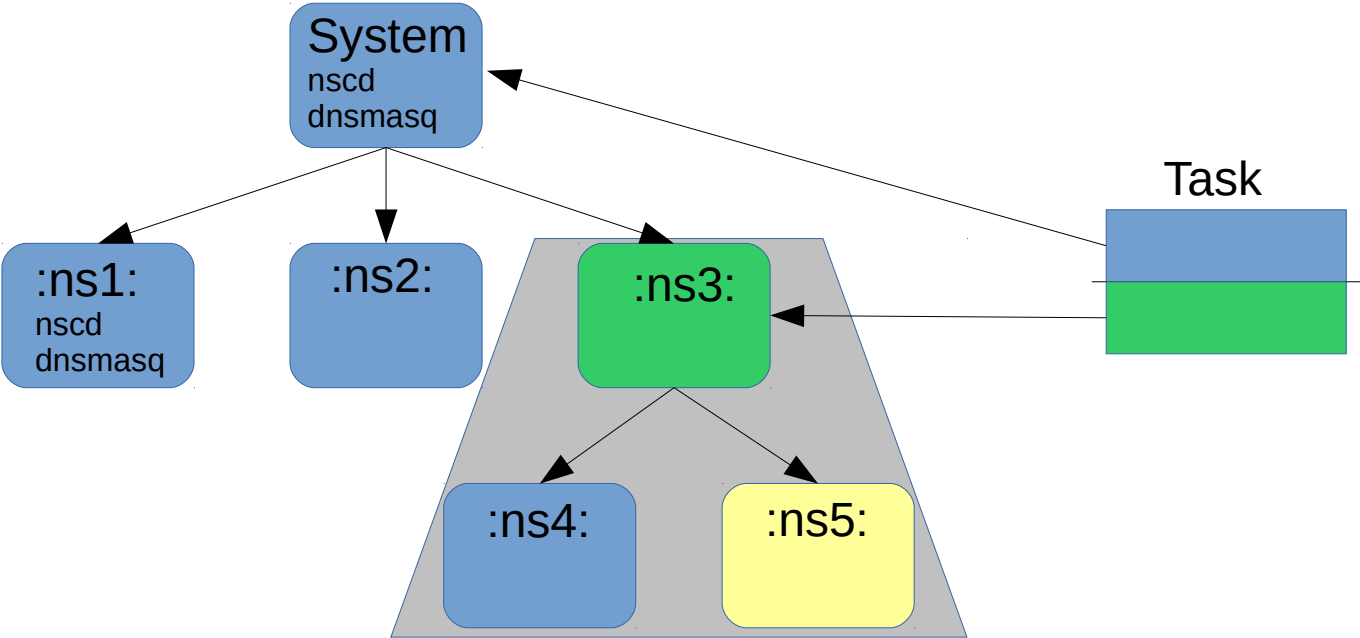
```
load_policy
```

```
runcon unconfined_u:unconfined_r:unconfined_t:s0:c0.c1023 /bin/bash
```

```
setenforce 1
```

AppArmor

- Namespaced
- Stacked
- Virtualized fs



AppArmor Problems

- Namespacing
 - mount, network, user, .. pita
 - Need more infrastructure
- Securityfs
 - can't mount multiple instances need to bind mount
- Still only AppArmor in AppArmor containers

IMA

- Really wants ContainerID
- Prototype
 - IMA Audit
 - Virtualized IMA fs interface
- EVM
 - Problems with ns xattr storage

Other LSMs

- Smack
 - Prototype namespace from a few years ago
- Yama
- Loadpin

- Landlock
- Sara

Stacking the LSMs

Stacking Enablement

- LSMs enabled at boot
 - Reserve space for kernel objs
 - Infrastructure manages life time
 - Register hooks
- New kernel param
 - LSM=

Making Stacking Work



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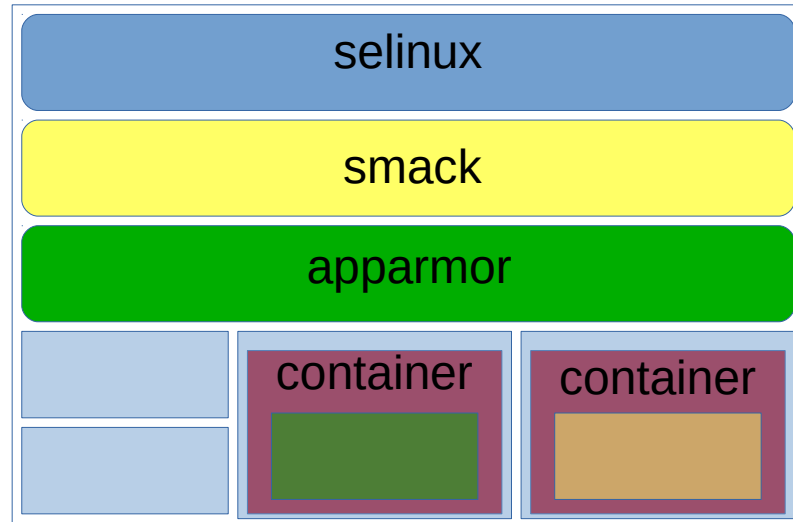
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- Only 1 LSM may claim and use

Current Situation with Stacking



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