

Speedrun through SOCKMAP

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SOCKMAP co-maintainer @ Linux upstream

- small-time (= feature) maintainer
- 掩 fix bugs
- 🧐 review patches
- 🤔 answer questions



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About this talk



Will be helpful if you know a bit about:

- network programming (socket, connect, sendmsg, recvmsg)
- □ basics of eBPF (what are BPF maps, programs, hooks, bpftool)
- □ building blocks of containers (cgroups, namespaces)

Goals:

- know that SOCKMAP exists
- have idea how / when / what for use it
- feel ready to dive deeper



Agenda

- 1 What is SOCKMAP? What can SOCKMAP do?
- 2 Evolution of SOCKMAP
- 3 How to set up SOCKMAP?
- 4 How to get sockets into a SOCKMAP?
- 5 Supported configurations
- 6 Real life use cases



What is SOCKMAP? & What can SOCKMAP do?

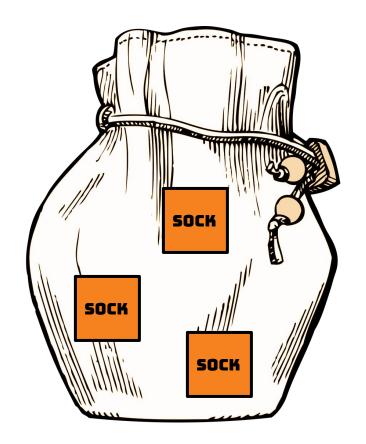




Two things



Collection / container for socket references in Linux kernel





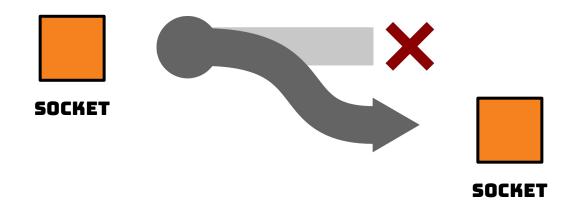
SOCKMAP API



1. container for sockets

- BPF map (K/V store)
- holds weak refs to sockets





Linux API for enforcing policy and redirecting data between sockets





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2. policy enforcement & redirecting data

- BPF programs to filter or redirect (steer) data from socket to socket
- hooks into socket layer

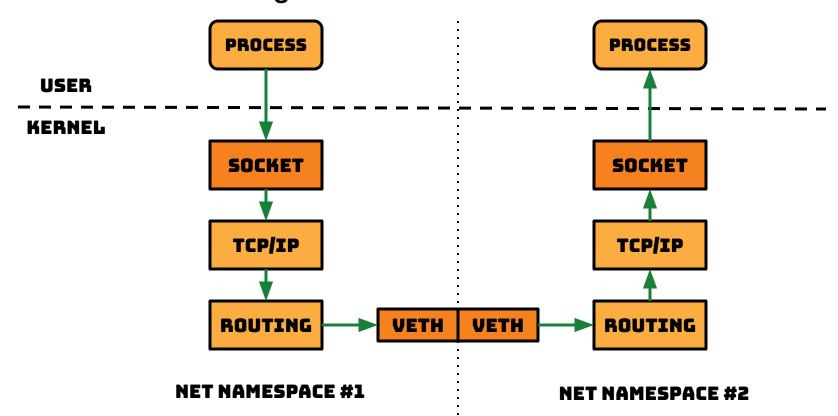




What can SOCKMAP do for you?

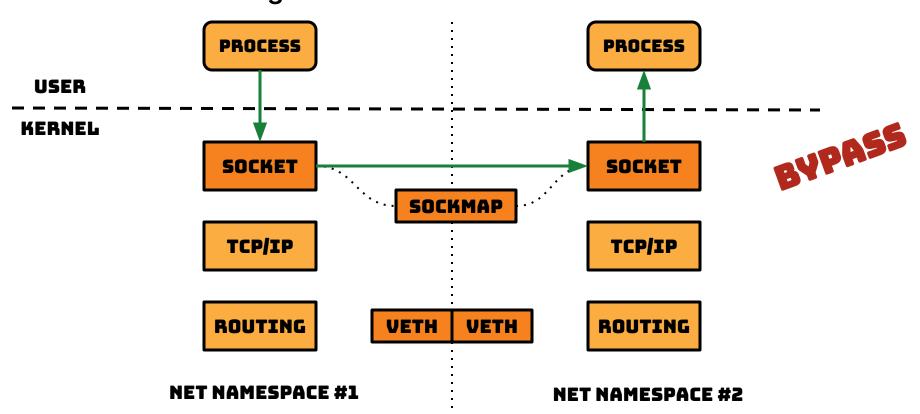
What can SOCKMAP do for ... container networking





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Test it → Setup a pair of network namespaces



```
Create network namespaces
# ip netns add A
# ip netns add B
Link network namespaces with a veth pair
# ip -n A link add name veth0 type veth peer name veth0 netns B
Bring up the links inside network namespaces
# ip -n A link set dev lo up
# ip -n B link set dev lo up
# ip -n A link set dev veth0 up
# ip -n B link set dev veth0 up
Assign addresses to links inside network namespaces
# ip -n A addr add 10.0.0.1/24 dev veth0
# ip -n B addr add 10.0.0.2/24 dev veth0
```

Test it → Run TCP request-response benchmark



```
Run TCP server
# ip netns exec A \
  sockperf server -i 10.0.0.1 --tcp --daemonize
Run TCP client
# ip netns exec B \
  sockperf ping-pong -i 10.0.0.1 --tcp --time 30
sockperf: [Total Run] RunTime=30.000 sec; Warm up time=400 msec; SentMessages=2599753;
ReceivedMessages=2599752
sockperf: ====> avg-latency=5.748 (std-dev=2.010, mean-ad=0.322, median-ad=0.220,
sigr=0.239, cv=0.350, std-error=0.001, 99.0% ci=[5.745, 5.751])
sockperf: # dropped messages = 0; # duplicated messages = 0; # out-of-order messages = 0
sockperf: Summary: Latency is 5.748 usec
```

Test it → Configure SOCKMAP bypass



```
Load BPF programs and create BPF maps
# bpftool prog loadall redir_bypass.bpf.o /sys/fs/bpf pinmaps /sys/fs/bpf
Attach BPF program to BPF map
# bpftool prog attach \
  pinned /sys/fs/bpf/sk_msg_prog sk_msg_verdict \
  pinned /sys/fs/bpf/sock_map
Create a test cgroup
# mkdir /sys/fs/cgroup/unified/test.slice
Attach BPF program to cgroup
# bpftool cgroup attach \
  /sys/fs/cgroup/unified/test.slice \
  cgroup_sock_ops pinned /sys/fs/bpf/sockops_prog
```

Test it → Repeat the test with SOCKMAP bypass



```
Spawn client and server inside the test cgroup
# echo $$ > /sys/fs/cgroup/unified/test.slice/cgroup.procs
Run TCP server
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sockperf: [Total Run] RunTime=30.000 sec; Warm up time=400 msec; SentMessages=3189584;
ReceivedMessages=3189583
sockperf: ====> \frac{avg-latency=4.686}{avg-latency=4.686} (std-dev=2.862, mean-ad=0.250, median-ad=0.216,
sigr=0.173, cv=0.611, std-error=0.002, 99.0% ci=[4.682, 4.690])
sockperf: # dropped messages = 0; # duplicated messages = 0; # out-of-order messages = 0
sockperf: Summary: Latency is 4.686 usec
```

Test it → Compare without and with SOCKMAP bypass



before: 5.748 ± 2.010 usec

after: 4.686 ± 2.862 usec

Run the benchmark yourself:

https://github.com/jsitnicki/srecon-2023-sockmap/blob/main/examples/redir-bypass/test_redir_bypass.sh



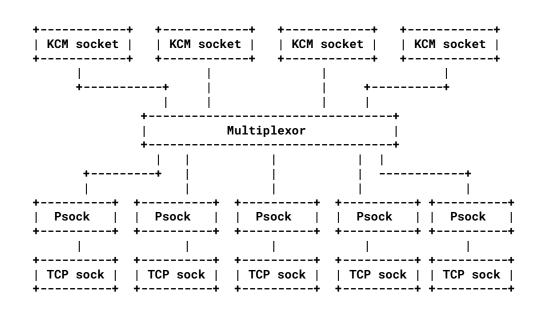
Evolution of SOCKMAP



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author John Fastabend <john.fastabend@gmail.com> 2017-08-15 22:32:47 -0700 committer David S. Miller <davem@davemloft.net> 2017-08-16 11:27:53 -0700

commit 174a79ff9515f400b9a6115643dafd62a635b7e6 (patch)

tree f48f1fc407adb9bce6fb0e5cddaabd7141acd071

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bpf: sockmap with sk redirect support

Recently we added a new map type called dev map used to forward XDP packets between ports (6093ec2dc313). This patches introduces a similar notion for sockets.

A sockmap allows users to add participating sockets to a map. When sockets are added to the map enough context is stored with the map entry to use the entry with a new helper

bpf_sk_redirect_map(map, key, flags)

This helper (analogous to bpf_redirect_map in XDP) is given the map and an entry in the map. When called from a sockmap program, discussed below, the skb will be sent on the socket using skb_send_sock().



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SK_MSG program

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author John Fastabend <john.fastabend@gmail.com> 2018-03-18 12:57:10 -0700 committer Daniel Borkmann <daniel@iogearbox.net> 2018-03-19 21:14:38 +0100

commit 4f738adba30a7cfc006f605707e7aee847ffefa0 (patch)

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bpf: create tcp_bpf_ulp allowing BPF to monitor socket TX/RX data

This implements a BPF ULP layer to allow policy enforcement and monitoring at the socket layer. In order to support this a new program type BPF_PROG_TYPE_SK_MSG is used to run the policy at the sendmsg/sendpage hook. To attach the policy to sockets a sockmap is used with a new program attach type BPF_SK_MSG_VERDICT.



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Switch to sk_msg API

Kernel TLS and SK_MSG can gracefully coexist.

Allows introspection / policy enforcement before in-kernel encryption.

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UNIX domain sockets

Allow storing and redirecting packets from/to UNIX sockets (dgram and stream).

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BPF_F_PERMANENT flag

Permanent redirects.

Run verdict program only once and remember the steering decision.

(Egress support only.)



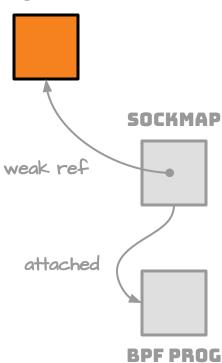
How to set up SOCKMAP?

(1)

Open a connected (established) socket



SOCKET

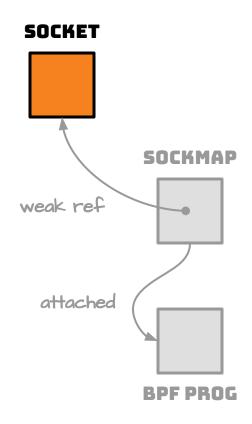


active open

passive open

What sockets can you use?



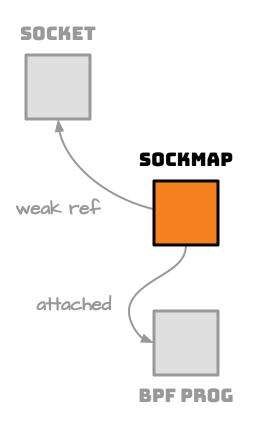


connected (established) socket:

- ☐ TCP
- □ UDP
- **□** UNIX (STREAM, DGRAM)
- VSOCK (STREAM, SEQPACKET)

2 Create a BPF map - SOCKMAP or SOCKHASH

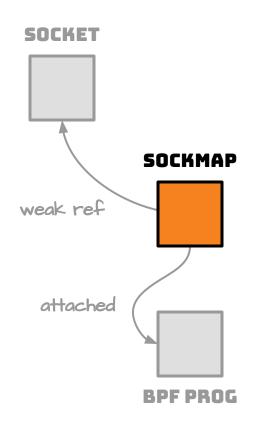




from a program using the bpf() syscall or a library wrapper (libbpf)

What BPF maps can you use?





Map types:

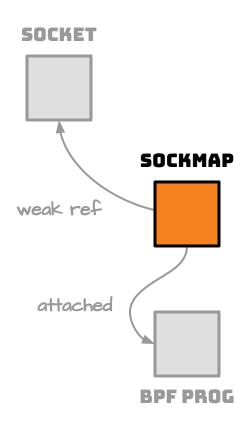
- BPF_MAP_TYPE_SOCKMAP
 - □ key size always 4B
- BPF_MAP_TYPE_SOCKHASH
 - □ arbitrary key size

Not to be confused with BPF_MAP_TYPE_REUSEPORT_SOCKARRAY



Create a BPF map - From command line





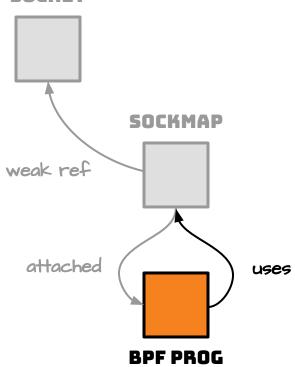
using bpftool map create

```
# bpftool map create
    /sys/fs/bpf/sockmap `# path on bpffs`
                       `# sockmap or sockhash`
   type sockmap
   key 4
                       `# always 4 bytes for sockmap`
   value 8
                       `# use 8 bytes for dump to work`
    entries 1
    name sockmap
#
# bpftool map show pinned /sys/fs/bpf/sockmap
3: sockmap name sockmap flags 0x0
       key 4B value 8B max_entries 1 memlock 328B
```

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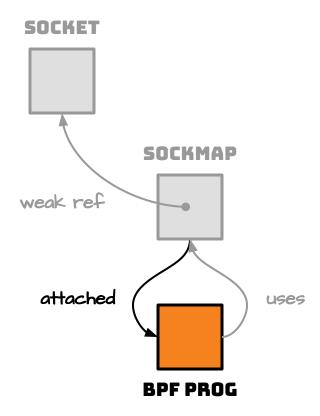






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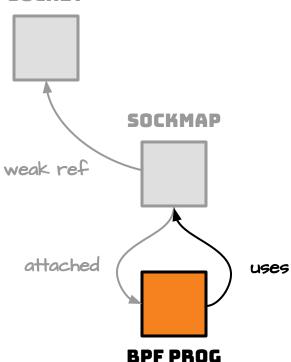
Program types:

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- BPF_PROG_TYPE_SK_SKB

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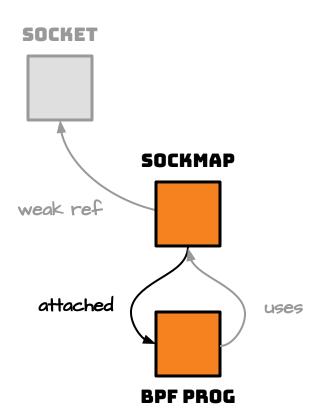
SOCKET



```
# bpftool prog dump xlated id 42
int prog_msg_redir_ingress(struct sk_msg_md * msg):
   0: (18) r2 = map[id:17]
   5: (95) exit
# bpftool map show id 17
17: sockmap name output flags 0x0
        key 4B value 8B max_entries 1
                                        memlock 328B
        pids sockmap-redir-m(331)
```

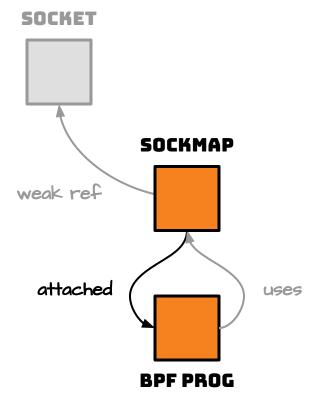
4 Attach BPF program to SOCKMAP





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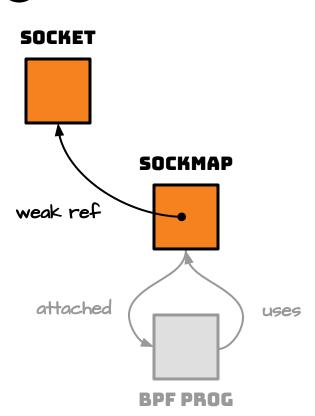
Attach types (hooks):

- BPF_SK_MSG_VERDICT
- BPF_SK_SKB_VERDICT

- BPF_SK_SKB_STREAM_PARSER
- BPF_SK_SKB_STREAM_VERDICT

(5) Insert socket into SOCKMAP





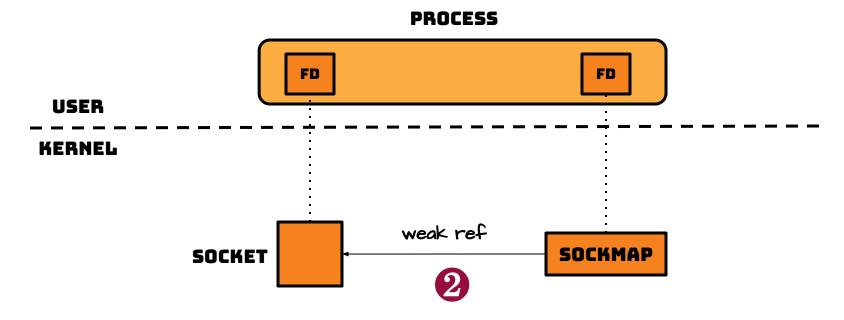
must be done after attaching the program



How to get sockets into a SOCKMAP?

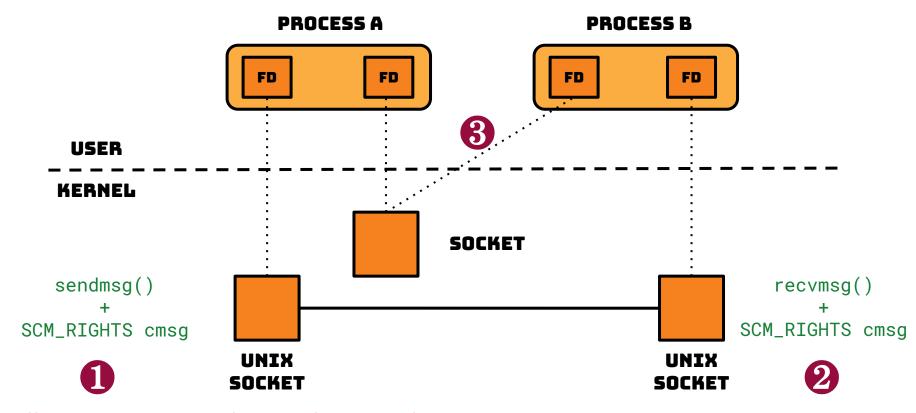
Easy case



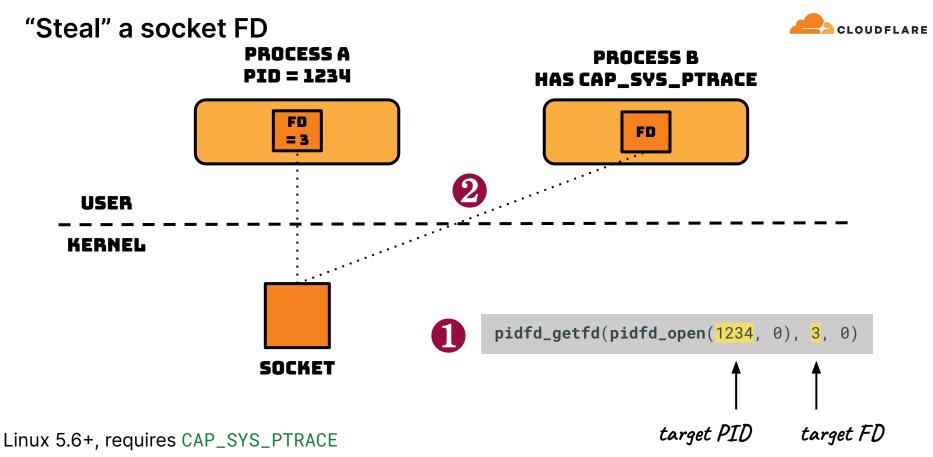


Socket FD handover with SCM_RIGHTS





https://manpages.debian.org/unstable/manpages/unix.7.en.html#SCM_RIGHTS https://blog.cloudflare.com/know-your-scm_rights/





Use BPF sock_ops program attached to cgroup (TCP only)

```
SEC("sockops")
int sockops_prog(struct bpf_sock_ops *ctx)
     if (!ctx->sk)
          return SK_PASS;
     switch (ctx->op) {
     case BPF_SOCK_OPS_ACTIVE_ESTABLISHED_CB:
          bpf_sock_map_update(ctx, &sock_map, &(__u32){ 0 }, BPF_ANY);
          break;
     case BPF_SOCK_OPS_PASSIVE_ESTABLISHED_CB:
          bpf_sock_map_update(ctx, &sock_map, &(__u32){ 1 }, BPF_ANY);
          break;
     return SK_PASS;
```



Supported configurations



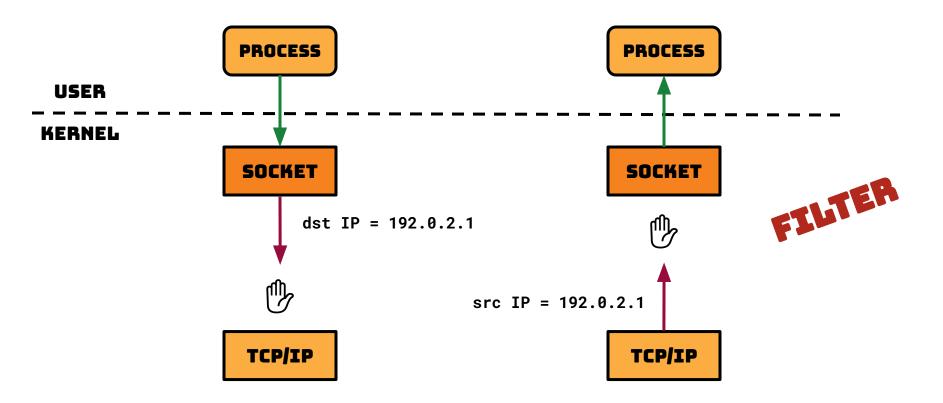
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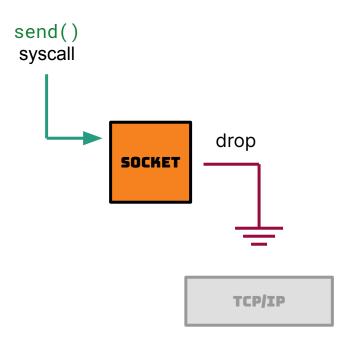
Policy use case → API endpoints

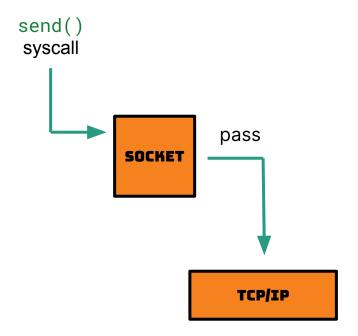




Policy on egress - pass or drop

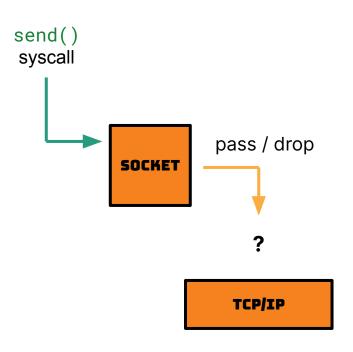






Policy on egress → How?

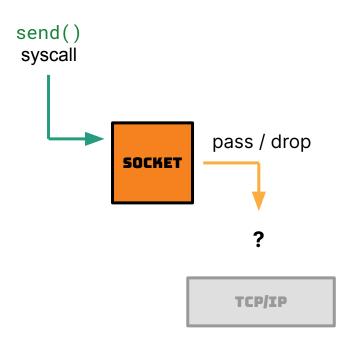




BPF_PROG_TYPE_SK_MSG prog

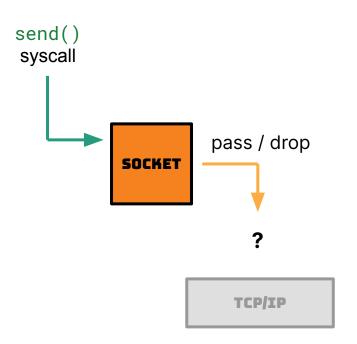
- → attached BPF_SK_MSG_VERDICT hook
- → returns SK_PASS or SK_DROP verdict





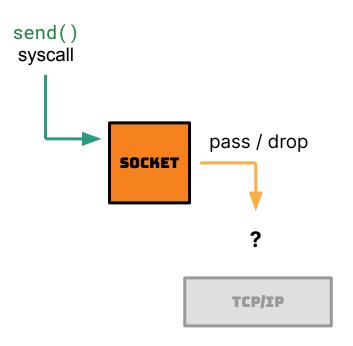
```
struct sk_msg_md {
     __bpf_md_ptr(void *, data);
     __bpf_md_ptr(void *, data_end);
     __u32 family;
     __u32 remote_ip4;
     __u32 local_ip4;
     __u32 remote_ip6[4];
     __u32 local_ip6[4];
     __u32 remote_port;
     __u32 local_port;
     __u32 size;
     __bpf_md_ptr(struct bpf_sock *, sk);
};
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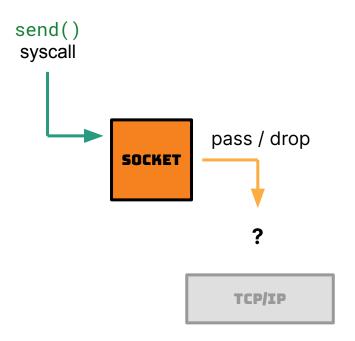
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```

other socket info

Policy on egress → Example



```
#define TEST_NET_1_ADDR IP4(192, 0, 2, 0)
#define TEST_NET_1_MASK IP4(255, 255, 255, 0)
SEC("sk_msg")
int sk_msg_prog(struct sk_msg_md *msg)
     if (msg->family != AF_INET)
          return SK_PASS;
     if ((msg->remote_ip4 & TEST_NET_1_MASK) != TEST_NET_1_ADDR)
          return SK_PASS;
     /* Drop anything destined to 192.0.2.0/24 documentation range */
     return SK_DROP;
```

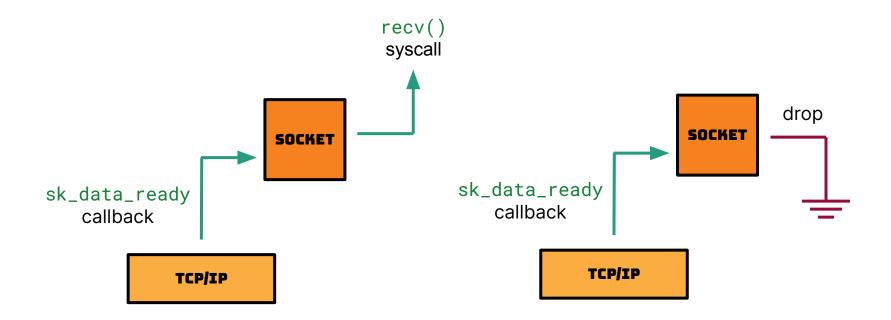
Policy on egress → Test run



```
# nc -lke /bin/true 1234 &
#
# echo -n a | strace -e sendto nc 127.0.0.1 1234
sendto(3, "a", 1, 0, NULL, 0)
+++ exited with 0 +++
#
# echo -n b | strace -e sendto nc 192.0.2.1 1234
sendto(3, "b", 1, 0, NULL, 0) = -1 EACCES (Permission denied)
Ncat: Permission denied
+++ exited with 1 +++
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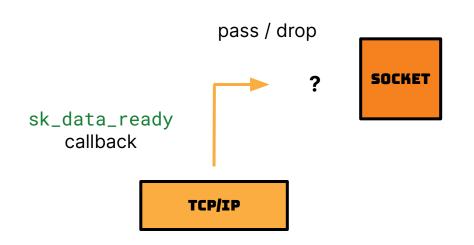
Policy on ingress





Policy on ingress → How?

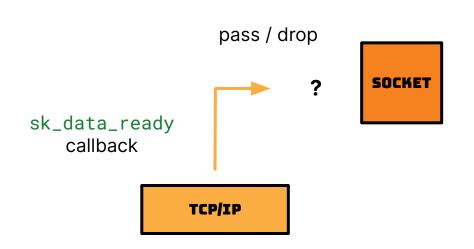




BPF_PROG_TYPE_SK_SKB prog

- → attached to BPF_SK_SKB_VERDICT hook
- → returns SK_DROP or SK_PASS verdict



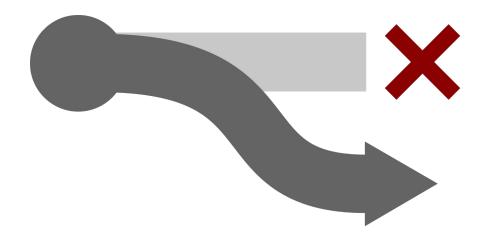


packet payload & metadata from network stack

```
struct __sk_buff {
    ...
    // too many fields to include here
    // see the link at the bottom
    ...
};
```

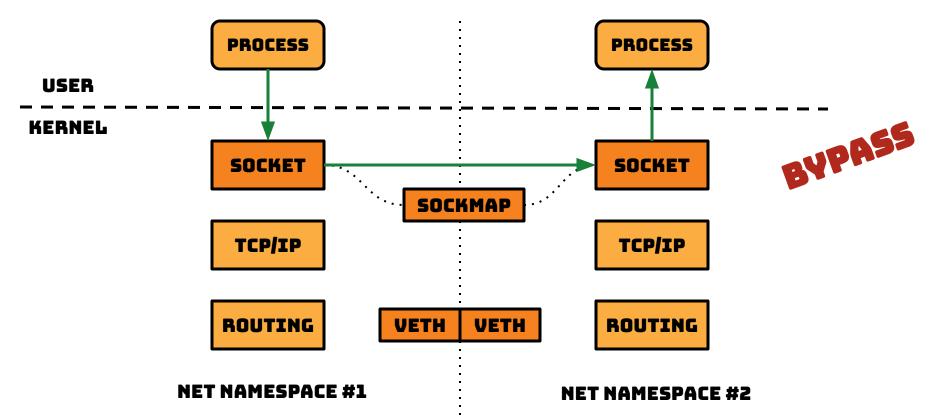


REDIRECT



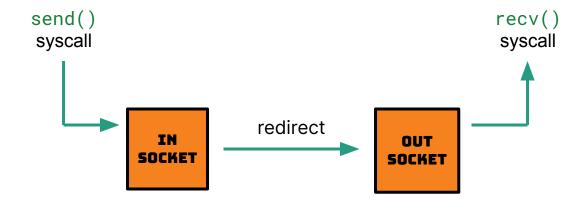
Redirect use case → Bypass for containers





Redirect → send to local

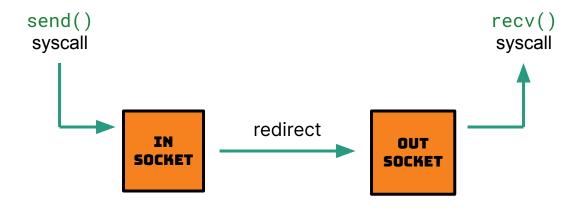




Like socketpair() or pipe()

Redirect → send to local → How?





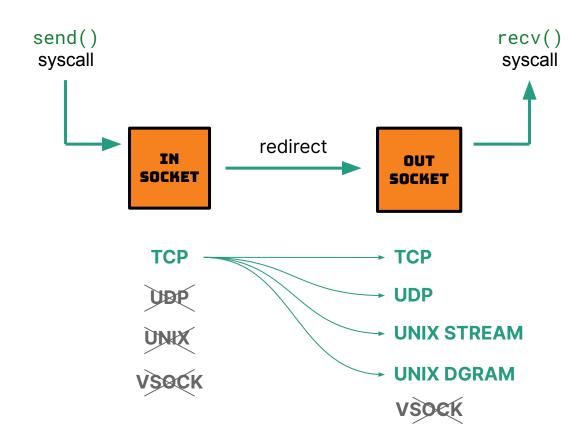
BPF_PROG_TYPE_**SK_MSG** prog

- → attached to BPF_SK_MSG_VERDICT hook
- → calls bpf_msg_redirect_hash/map() with BPF_F_INGRESS flag
- → returns SK_PASS

selects target socket

Redirect → send to local → What?





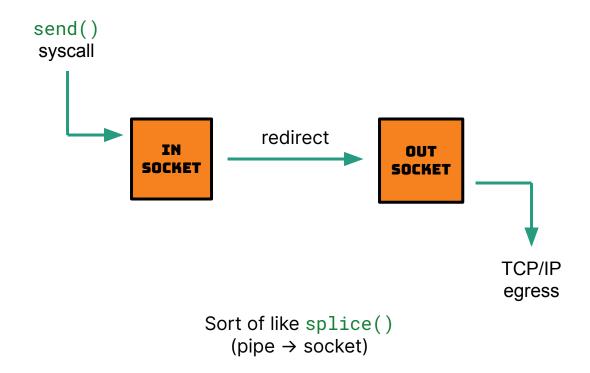
Redirect → send to local → Example



```
SEC("sk_msg")
int sk_msg_redir_ingress(struct sk_msg_md *msg)
   __u32 key = 0;
    if (msg->remote_port == bpf_htonl(53))
       key = 1;
    return bpf_msg_redirect_map(msg, &sockmap, key, BPF_F_INGRESS);
```

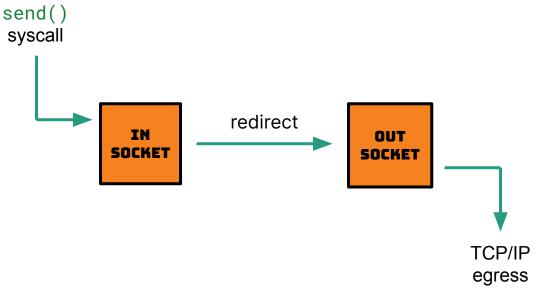
Redirect → send to egress





Redirect → send to egress → How?



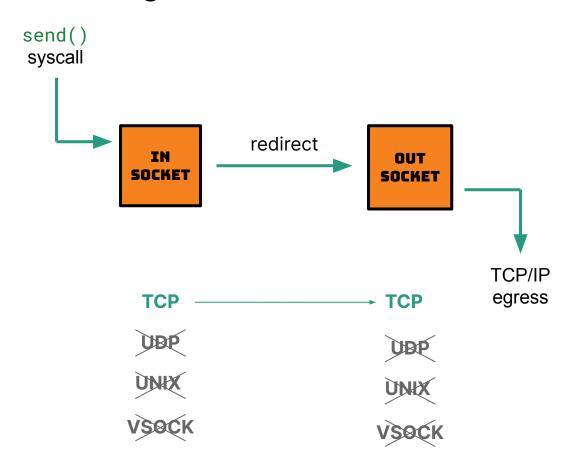


BPF_PROG_TYPE_**SK_MSG** prog

- → attached to BPF_SK_MSG_VERDICT hook
- → calls bpf_msg_redirect_hash/map() without any flags
- → returns SK_PASS

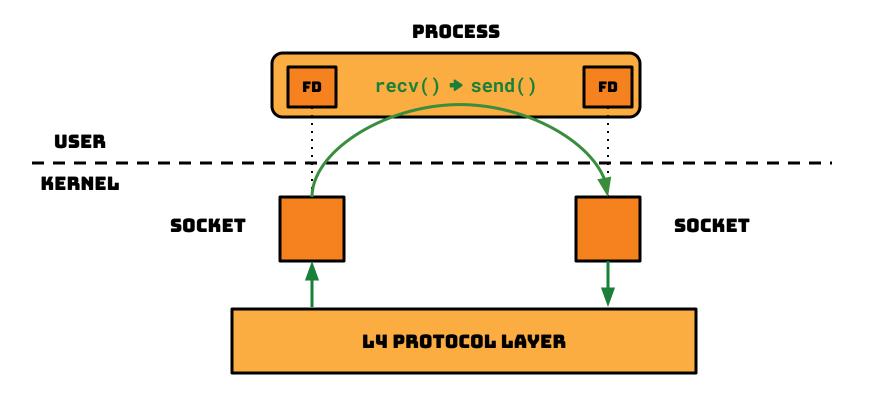
Redirect → send to egress → What?





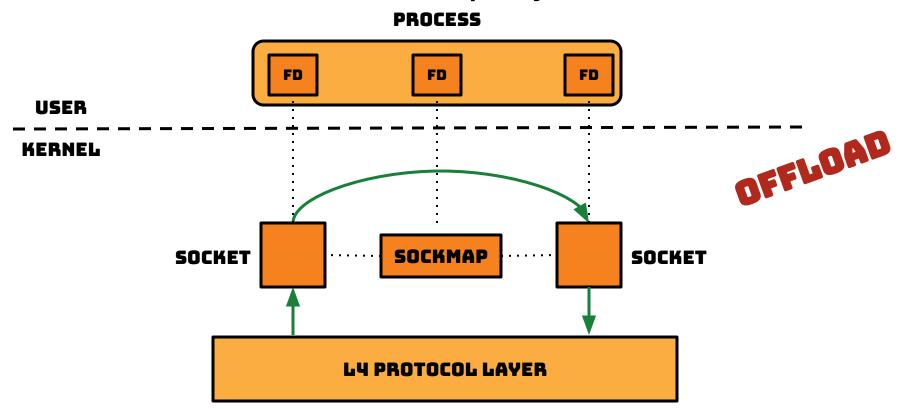
Redirect use case → L7 network proxy





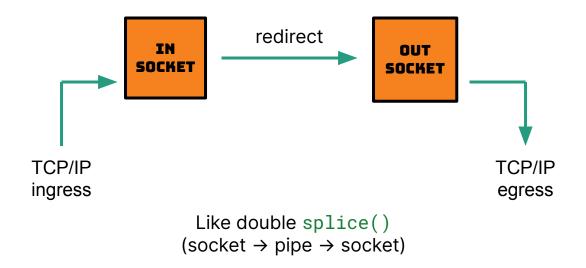
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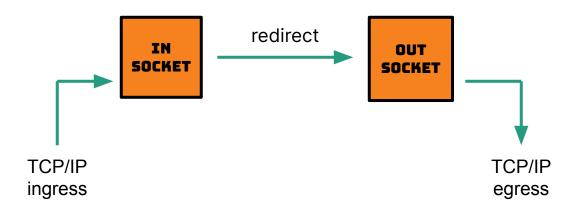
Redirect → ingress to egress





Redirect → ingress to egress → How?



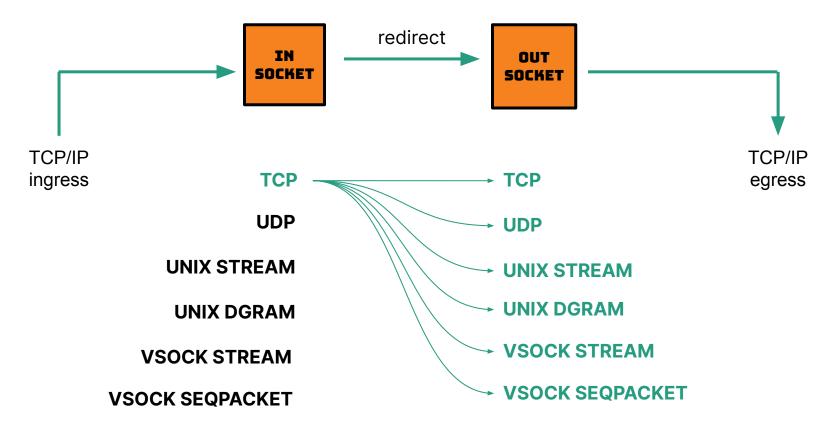


BPF_PROG_TYPE_**SK_SKB** prog

- → attached to BPF_SK_SKB_VERDICT hook
- → calls bpf_sk_redirect_hash/map() without any flags
- → returns SK_PASS

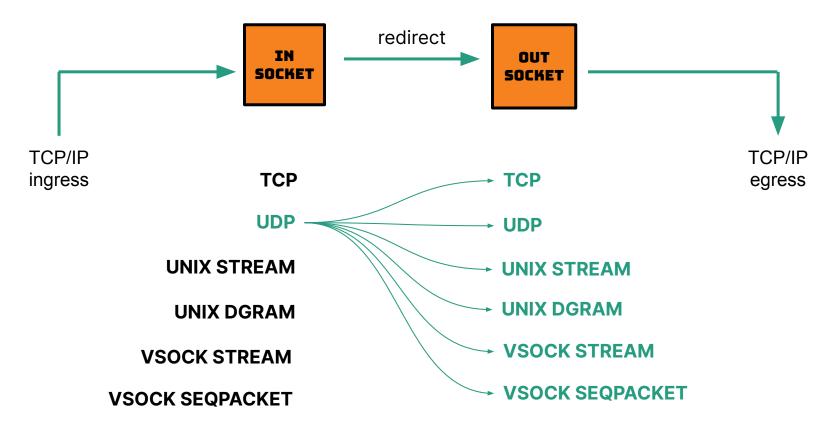
Redirect → ingress to egress → What?





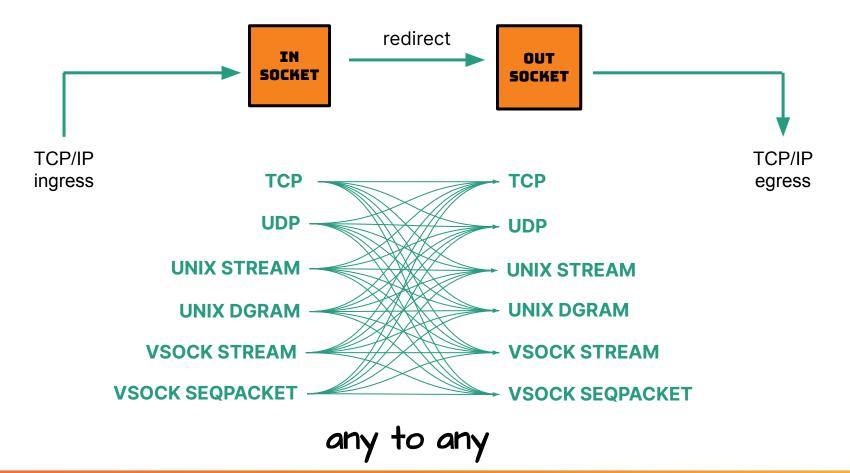
Redirect → ingress to egress → What?





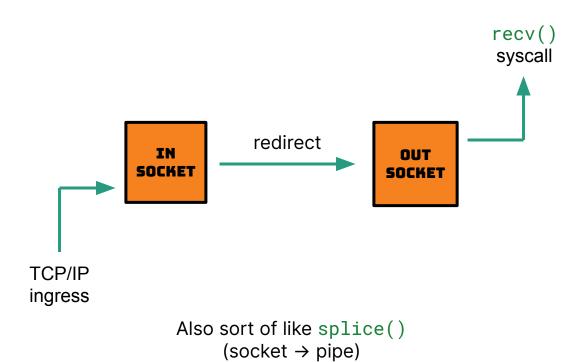
Redirect → ingress to egress → What?





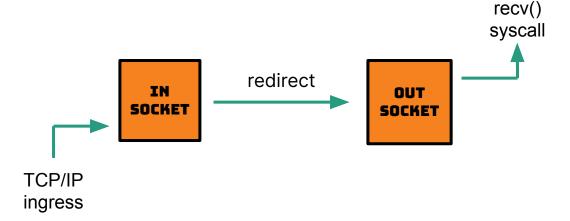
Redirect → ingress to local





Redirect → ingress to local → How?



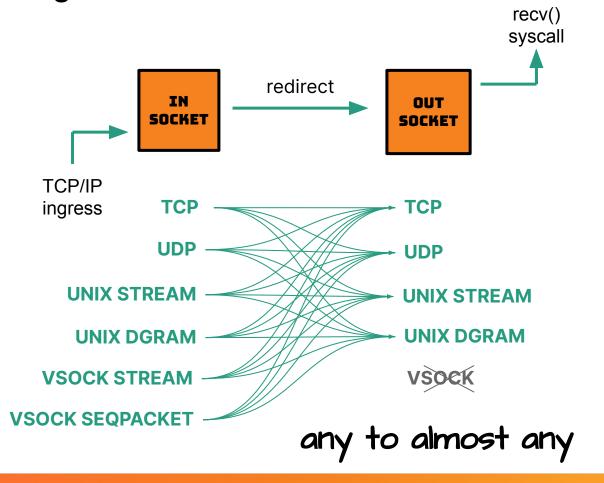


BPF_PROG_TYPE_**SK_SKB** prog

- → attached to BPF_SK_SKB_VERDICT hook
- → calls bpf_sk_redirect_hash/map() with BPF_F_INGRESS flag
- → returns SK_PASS

Redirect → ingress to local → What?





Cheatsheet - Redirect with SOCKMAP



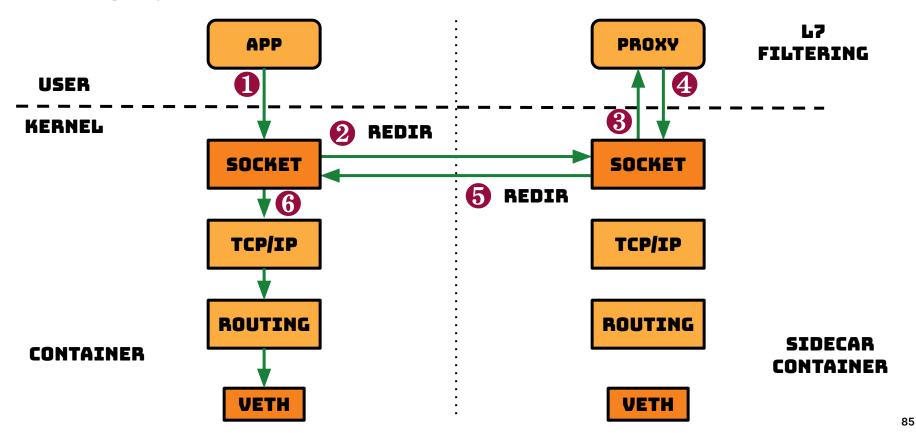
redirect scenario	program type BPF_PROG_TYPE_*	attach type BPF_*	redirect function	redirect flag	in socket type	out socket type
send to local	SK_MSG	SK_MSG_VERDICT	<pre>bpf_msg_redirect_*()</pre>	BPF_F_ INGRESS	TCP	any but VSOCK
send to egress	SK_MSG	SK_MSG_VERDICT	<pre>bpf_msg_redirect_*()</pre>	none	TCP	TCP
ingress to egress	SK_SKB	SK_SKB_VERDICT	<pre>bpf_sk_redirect_*()</pre>	none	any	any
ingress to local	SK_SKB	SK_SKB_VERDICT	<pre>bpf_sk_redirect_*()</pre>	BPF_F_ INGRESS	any	any but VSOCK 83



Real life use-cases

Cilium project (CNI for K8S)

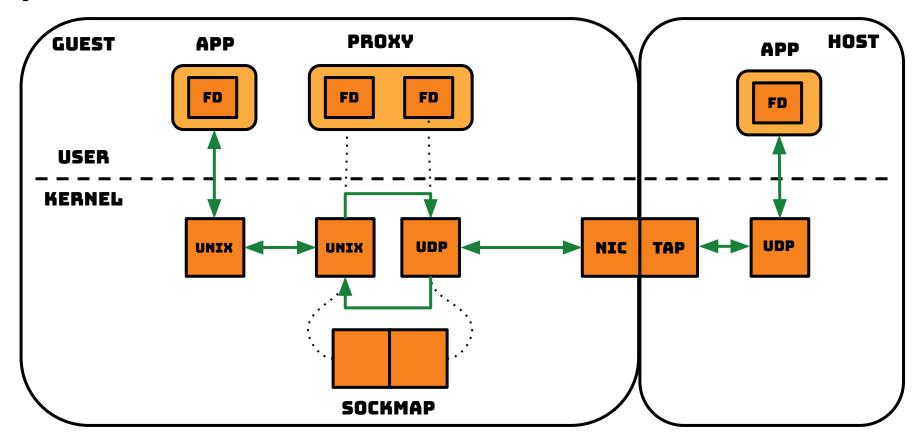




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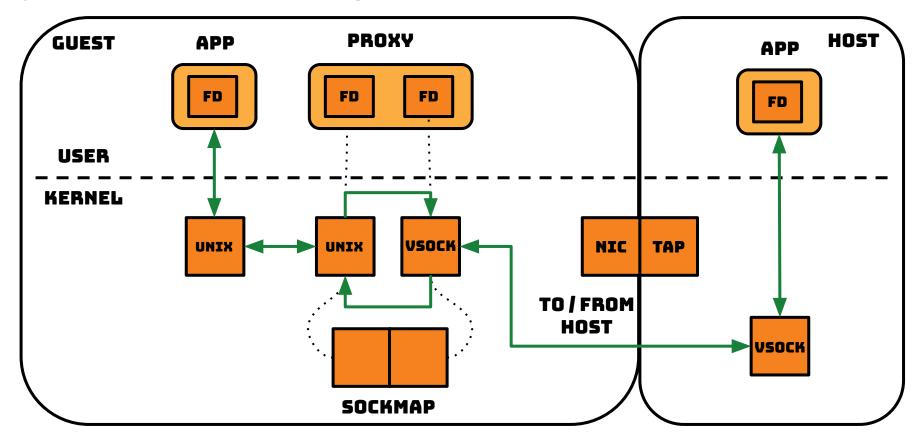
Bytedance (TikTok)





Bytedance (TikTok) → Improved







Where to learn more?

Documentation & Resources



- Linux Kernel → BPF Documentation → SOCKMAP and SOCKHASH map
 Includes links to unit tests with API usage examples
- 2) LPC 2018: Combining kTLS and BPF for Introspection and Policy Enforcement
 See Daniel & John talk about Cilium SOCKMAP + kTLS use case (video, slides, paper)
- 3) Cloudflare Blog: SOCKMAP TCP splicing of the future Read Marek review SOCKMAP from L7 proxy perspective
- 4) eBPF Summit 2020: Steering connections to sockets with BPF socket lookup hook
 Another use case for SOCKMAP as a container (video, slides, code)

Documentation & Resources



Code + Slides

https://github.com/jsitnicki/srecon-2023-sockmap





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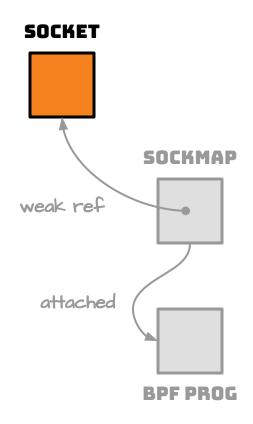
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Overflow slides

What sockets you can't use



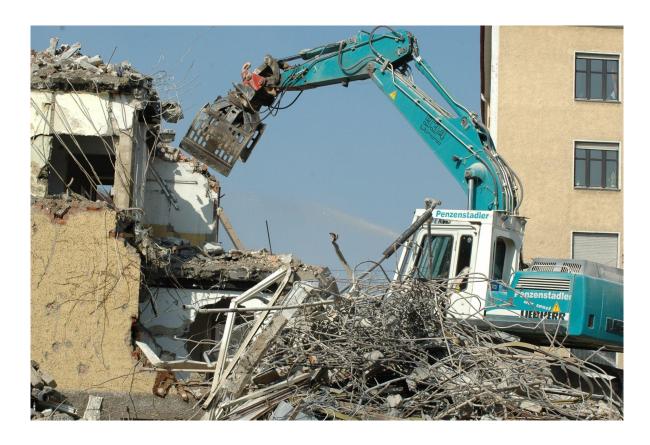


connected (established) socket:

- UNIX SEQPACKET
- **□** VSOCK DGRAM

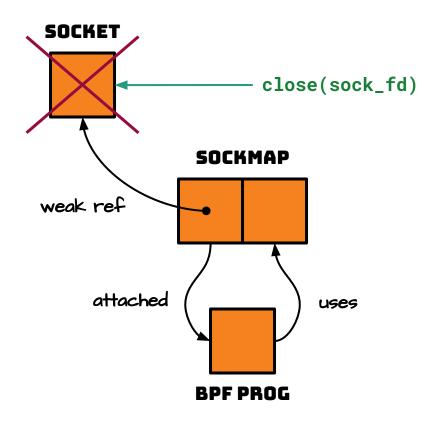
How to tear it down?





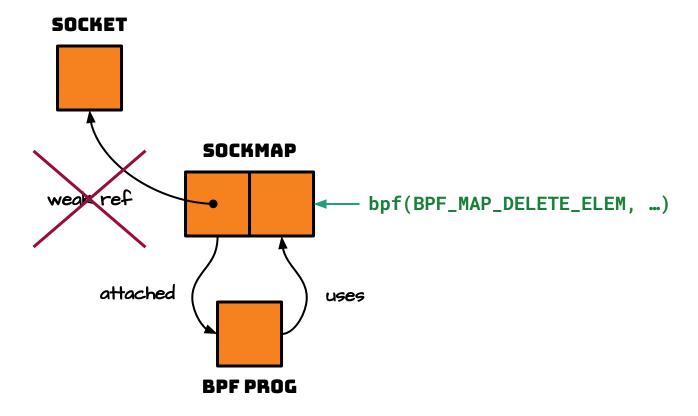
(A) destroy the socket





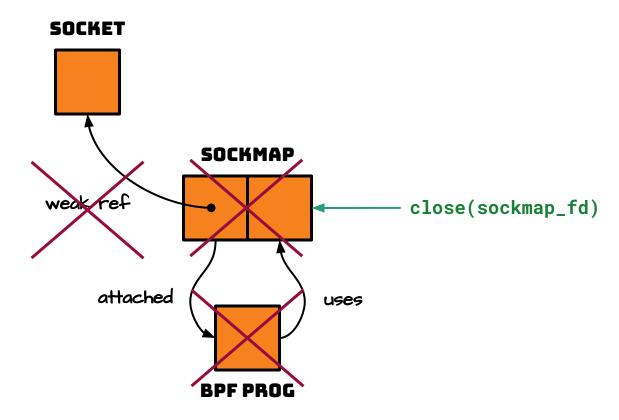
(B) remove socket from sockmap





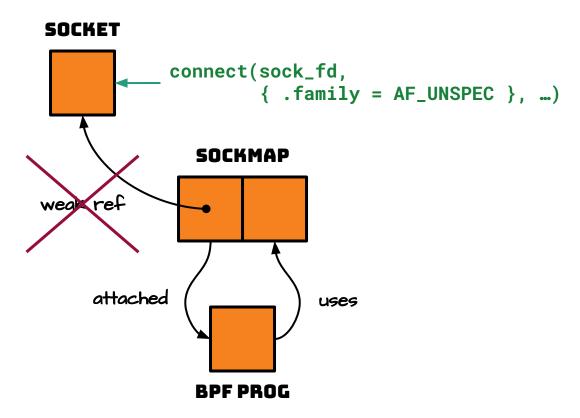
(C) destroy the sockmap





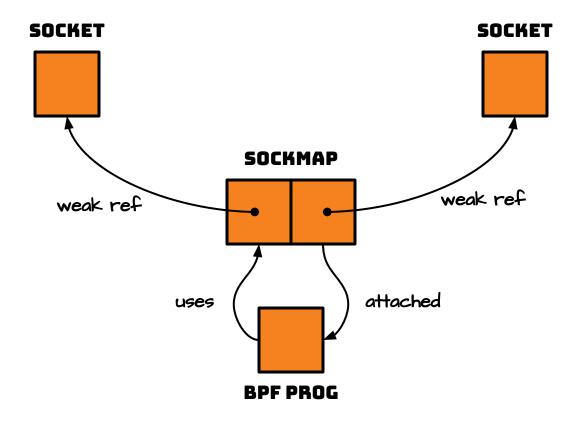
(D) disconnect the socket (rare)





Two sockets in one sockmap





Two sockets in two sockmaps



