Project 4 Help

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Overview

- Geo-tagged file system (based on ext2)
 - Attach a GPS tag to each regular file
- Access control with the tags
 - Files are accessible from the location where they are recently created/modified

Key Challenges

- Modify physical representation of inode
 - to embed GPS coordinates
- Add GPS-related inode operations and implement them for ext2 regular files
 - set_gps_location
 - get_gps_location
- Modify access control mechanism to realize location-based access control

Add GPS-related fields to inode structure

- fs/ext2/ext2.h
- There are two structs for ext2 inode.
 - inode in the memory
 - inode on the disk
- Add 5 fields.
- Pay attention to endianness of the fields of the physical inode.
 - You may get a hint from other fields in the structures.

Recall from Project 3...

```
// kernel/sched/rt.c
const struct sched class rt sched class = {
                                = &fair sched class.
        .next
        enqueue task
                                  enqueue task rt,
        .dequeue task
                                = dequeue task rt,
                                = yield_task_rt,
        .vield task
        .check_preempt_curr
                                = check_preempt_curr_rt,
        .pick_next_task
                                = pick_next_task_rt,
        .put prev task
                                = put prev task rt,
#ifdef CONFIG SMP
        .select task rq
                                = select task rg rt,
        .set cpus allowed
                                = set cpus allowed rt,
        .ra online
                                = ra online rt.
         Interface

    Implementation

                                = pre schedule rt,
        .pre schedule
        .post schedule
                                = post_schedule_rt,
        .task woken
                                = task woken rt,
        .switched from
                                = switched from rt,
#endif
                                = set_curr_task_rt,
        .set curr task
        .task tick
                                = task tick rt,
        .get rr interval
                                = get rr interval rt,
        .prio_changed
                                = prio_changed_rt,
                                  switched_to_rt,
        .switched to
```

Multiple implementation sets

Pointing from each task_struct

```
struct task_struct {
        volatile long state;
                                /* -1 unrunnabl
        void *stack;
        atomic t usage;
        unsigned int flags;
                                /* per process
        unsigned int ptrace;
#ifdef CONFIG SMP
        struct llist_node wake_entry;
        int on_cpu;
        int on rq;
        int prio, static_prio, normal_prio;
        unsigned int rt_priority;
        const struct sched_class *sched_class;
        struct sched entity se:
        struct sched rt entity rt:
```

Similar for inode_operations

```
const struct inode operations ext4 file inode operations = {
        .setattr
                        ext4 setattr,
                        = ext4 getattr,
        .getattr
                        = generic setxattr,
        .setxattr
                         Implementation
        Interface
                        = generic removexattr,
        .removexattr
                        = ext4 get acl,
        .get acl
        .fiemap
                        ext4 fiemap,
};
```

```
const struct inode operations ext3 dir inode operations = {
const struct inode_operations ext4_file_inode_operations = {
const struct inode_operations ext4_special_inode_operations = {
 struct inode {
         umode t
                                 i mode;
         unsigned short
                                 i_opflags;
         kuid t
                                 i uid;
         kgid t
                                 i_gid;
         unsigned int
                                 i_flags;
 #ifdef CONFIG FS POSIX ACL
         struct posix acl
                                 *i acl;
         struct posix acl
                                  *i default acl;
 #endif
         const struct inode operations
                                          *i op;
         struct super block
                                  *i sb;
```

Define GPS-related inode operations

- Add the following two function pointer fields to the struct inode_operations structure in include/linux/fs.h
 - int (*set_gps_location)(struct inode *);
 - int (*get_gps_location)(struct inode *, struct gps_location *);

And implement them for ext2

- Implement the set/get functions for ext2.
 - set_gps_location: copy the current device location to the inode
 - get_gps_location: copy the inode location to the buffer
- Register the functions with ext2 file inode operations.

Update location info

- GPS info of regular files should be updated whenever they are created or modified
 - Use set_gps_location operation
- look at
 - fs/ for file system code
 - fs/ext2/ for ext2 specific code

Access control

- Files of the modified ext2 can be only accessible from the location where they are recently created/modified.
- There is an inode operation related to access control. You can use it.
- Compare the geo-tag and current location.
 - You cannot use float or double operations.
 - You should consider accuracy of the geo-tag
 - Compare the values with your own algorithm. Document any assumptions or approximations on README.md

Be careful!

- Current device location is shared mutable state, so you should use proper synchronization mechanism when accessing the state.
- Never access the memory by user-space addresses directly. Refer to guides and provided links in Project 1 help document(Linux Kernel Exploration Guide for OS projects).
- For parameters in struct gps_location in set_gps_location system call, make sure they are in appropriate range.

Testing with the modified file system

- To test your code, you should create a your modified ext2 file system. You will use mke2fs.
- You need to modify ext2 inode structure to make mke2fs use your modified ext2.
 - e2fsprogs/lib/ext2fs/ext2_fs.h
 - There are two structs you should modify.
 - Make two structures compatible with each other. And they need to match with the inode layout in your kernel.

Thank you for your listening!

And any questions?