

# privileged:true required to run app in container where systemd is pid 1 on Ubuntu 16.04 host #4633

New issue



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I'm trying to run a container (systemd is pid 1) on host Ubuntu 16.04.

```
$ docker-compose --version
docker-compose version 1.11.2, build dfed245
$ docker --version
Docker version 17.03.0-ce, build 3a232c8
```

tl;dr: On Ubuntu 16.04 host `docker run` starts a container and my app in it with *privileged: false* but `docker-compose up` needs *privileged: true*. The same container runs on Fedora 25 host with *privileged: false*.

First reported in [docker/docker#28614](#).

## Docker Image

The Docker image is built with the following Dockerfile snippet that runs systemd as pid 1 in the container.

```
FROM centos/centos7

# Fix incompatibility between Docker and systemd
# copy/paste from https://forums.docker.com/t/systemctl-status-is-not-working-in-my-docker-container/9075/4
# additional steps from https://github.com/CentOS/sig-cloud-instance-images/issues/41
RUN (cd /lib/systemd/system/sysinit.target.wants/; for i in *; do [ $i == systemd-tmpfiles-setup.service ] || rm -f $i; done); \
    rm -f /lib/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/*; \
    rm -f /etc/systemd/system/*.wants/*; \
    rm -f /lib/systemd/system/local-fs.target.wants/*; \
    rm -f /lib/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/*udev*; \
    rm -f /lib/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/*initctl*; \
    rm -f /lib/systemd/system/basic.target.wants/*; \
    rm -f /lib/systemd/system/anaconda.target.wants/*; \
    mkdir -p /etc/selinux/targeted/contexts/ &&\
    echo '<busconfig><selinux></selinux></busconfig>' > \
    /etc/selinux/targeted/contexts/dbus_contexts

VOLUME [ "/sys/fs/cgroup" ]

CMD ["/usr/sbin/init"]

ENV TERM=xterm

# Continue the rest here
```

## docker run

When I use `docker run` to create container it starts and the app process starts in the container.

```
$ docker run --name=myapp -d --rm --privileged=false --cap-add=SYS_ADMIN --tmpfs /run --tmpfs /run/lock --tmpfs /tmp -p 2424:2424 -p 2480:2480 -v /sys/fs/cgroup:/sys/fs/cgroup:ro mycontainerimage

$ docker exec -it b2769703c135 /bin/bash

[root@b2769703c135 /]# ps -ef
UID          PID    PPID  C STIME TTY          TIME CMD
root           1      0  0 00:30 ?           00:00:00 /usr/sbin/init
root          17      1  0 00:30 ?           00:00:00 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-journald
root          19      1 37 00:30 ?           00:00:01 /bin/java -server -Xms512m -Xmx512m -Djna.nosys=true -XX:+HeapDumpOnOutOfMemoryError -Djava.awt.headless=true -Dfile.encoding=UTF8 -Drhino.opt.level=9 -Dprof
root         117      0  1 00:30 ?           00:00:00 /bin/bash
root          135     117  0 00:30 ?           00:00:00 ps -ef
```

### Assignees

No one assigned

### Labels

None yet

### Projects

None yet

### Milestone

No milestone

### Notifications

3 participants



```
[root@b2769703c135 /]# systemctl
UNIT                                LOAD    ACTIVE SUB    DESCRIPTION
-.mount                            loaded active mounted /
dev-mqueue.mount                  loaded active mounted  POSIX Message Queue File System
<SNIP>
```

## docker-compose up

When I use `docker-compose up` the container starts but the app process does not start in the container.

docker-compose.yml:

```
version: '2'
services:
  myapp:
    cap_add:
      - SYS_ADMIN
    environment:
      - container=docker
    image: mycontainerimage
    ports:
      - "2424:2424"
      - "2480:2480"
    privileged: false
    tmpfs:
      - /run
      - /run/lock
      - /tmp
    volumes:
      - "/sys/fs/cgroup:/sys/fs/cgroup:ro"
```

Commands:

```
$ docker-compose up -d

$ docker exec -it 70c88ce6df22 /bin/bash

[root@70c88ce6df22 /]# ps -ef
UID          PID    PPID  C STIME TTY          TIME CMD
root           1         0  0 00:18 ?           00:00:00 /usr/sbin/init
root          27         0  0 00:32 ?           00:00:00 /bin/bash
root          45        27  0 00:32 ?           00:00:00 ps -ef

[root@70c88ce6df22 /]# systemctl
Failed to get D-Bus connection: Operation not permitted
```

When I modify `docker-compose.yml` to change `privileged: false` to `privileged: true` the container starts and so does the app inside the container.

```
$ docker exec -it 9de86c00efd6 /bin/bash
[root@9de86c00efd6 /]# ps -ef
UID          PID    PPID  C STIME TTY          TIME CMD
root           1         0  0 00:40 ?           00:00:00 /usr/sbin/init
root          17         1  0 00:40 ?           00:00:00 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-journald
root          18         1  4 00:40 ?           00:00:01 /bin/java -server -Xms512m -Xmx512m -
Djna.nosys=true -XX:+HeapDumpOnOutOfMemoryError -Djava.awt.headless=true -Dfile.encoding=UTF8 -
Drhino.opt.level=9 -Dprofi
root         172         0  0 00:40 ?           00:00:00 /bin/bash
root         190        172  0 00:40 ?           00:00:00 ps -ef
```

## Diffs between docker inspect

From container created by `docker run`.

```
"HostConfig": {
  "Binds": [
    "/sys/fs/cgroup:/sys/fs/cgroup:ro"
  ],
```

and

```
"Mounts": [
  {
    "Type": "bind",
```

```
        "Source": "/sys/fs/cgroup",
        "Destination": "/sys/fs/cgroup",
        "Mode": "ro",
        "RW": false,
        "Propagation": ""
    }
],
```

From container created by `docker-compose up` whether *privileged:false* or *privileged:true*.

```
"HostConfig": {
    "Binds": [

"321e05df2c34e16442f2834db896b42c8d0188d5c7a06977b246bbb32270cd5d:/sys/fs/cgroup:rw"
    ],
```

and

```
"Mounts": [
    {
        "Type": "volume",
        "Name": "321e05df2c34e16442f2834db896b42c8d0188d5c7a06977b246bbb32270cd5d",
        "Source":
"/var/lib/docker/volumes/321e05df2c34e16442f2834db896b42c8d0188d5c7a06977b246bbb32270cd5d/_data",
        "Destination": "/sys/fs/cgroup",
        "Driver": "local",
        "Mode": "rw",
        "RW": true,
        "Propagation": ""
    }
],
```



dnephin commented on Mar 20, 2017

Contributor

<https://docs.docker.com/compose/overview/#preserve-volume-data-when-containers-are-created>

What's your `docker-compose.yml` ?

You can remove the old container with `docker-compose rm` , and start it again. There should be a warning about the bind volume being masked.



aikchar commented on Mar 27, 2017

docker-compose.yml:

```
version: '2'
services:
  myapp:
    cap_add:
      - SYS_ADMIN
    environment:
      - container=docker
    image: mycontainerimage
    ports:
      - "2424:2424"
      - "2480:2480"
    privileged: false
    tmpfs:
      - /run
      - /run/lock
      - /tmp
    volumes:
      - "/sys/fs/cgroup:/sys/fs/cgroup:ro"
```

Which old container do I remove? I'm creating two containers from the same image; one with `docker up` and the other with `docker-compose up` . I'm sorry I didn't get what you meant.



guillaumeparis2000 commented on Oct 19, 2017

Hi @aikchar have you find a solution for that problem?  
Thanks