

Ambient posix capabilities

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Overview

Capability recalculation

$$pB' = pB$$

$$pI' = pI$$

$$pP' = (pB \ \& \ fP) \ | \ (fI \ \& \ pI)$$

$$pE' = fE \ ? \ pP' \ : \ 0$$

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$$p_{P'} = (p_B \& f_P) | (f_I \& p_I) | p_{A'}$$
$$p_{E'} = f_E ? p_{P'} : p_{A'}$$

Namespaced file capabilities

- File caps cannot be set in user namespace
- Software in container must handle both file caps and setuid-root
- Less complexity → better
- Proposed:
 - sets of file capability sets
 - each tagged with userns root k_uid