Supervising and emulating syscalls



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seccomp <3 syscalls

- Syscalls

Allow userspace to communicate with the kernel (a fancy request handler).

- Seccomp

Allows to intercept system calls and then denies or allows them.

The kernel never blocks in seccomp.

Seccomp runs before the syscall number is looked up in the syscall table...



seccomp: notify

- Allows running less privileged containers
 Unprivileged containers can be granted very specific privileges.
- Seccomp asks userspace for return value and errno

 Execution does NOT continue in the kernel, userspace must do the work.
- Initial support landed in 5.0
 Userspace requires un-released libseccomp.





seccomp: resume syscalls

- **Builds on top of existing notify target** *Effectively a new type of return value from userspace.*
- Allows for complex userspace filtering
 For cases where the kernel cannot filter on some arguments.
- **No raised privileges** *Execution continues in the kernel with original privileges.*



seccomp + pidfd_getfd()

- Inventing new syscalls

Seccomp runs before the syscall number is verified to be valid... Retrieving file descriptors from target.

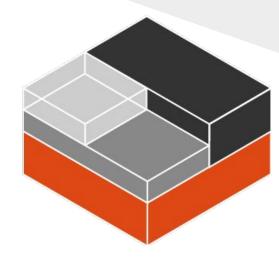
- File descriptor retrieval

Retrieve a file descriptor from a target process and perform actions on it.





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