

# how to deny reading of several sysctls (for a set of uids, f.e.)

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Hello.

System – RELENG\_6.

Easiest way I found is to patch libc.  
But in this case we still can get an original library and use LD\_PRELOAD.

Is there any way to obtain uid of calling process (thread?) within the kernel?

We have following extern in src/lib/libc/gen/sysctl.c:

```
[..]  
extern int __sysctl(int *name, u_int namelen, void *oldp, size_t *oldlenp,  
void *newp, size_t newlen);  
[..]
```

And there is \_\_sysctl (src/sys/kern/kern\_sysctl.c):

```
[..]  
/*  
 * MPSAFE  
 */  
int  
__sysctl(struct thread *td, struct sysctl_args *uap)  
[..]
```

1. Whether this function is called from libc sysctl() ?
2. What can we get from td here? My knowledge about FreeBSD kernel and kernel threads is not yet enough for understanding this.

I also thought about passing control variable from libc to kernel, but it seems to be bad idea.

Any other ways?

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