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# Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'capsh.1'

## \$ man capsh.1

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User Commands

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NAME

capsh - capability shell wrapper

## SYNOPSIS

capsh [OPTION]...

## DESCRIPTION

Linux capability support and use can be explored and constrained with this tool. This tool

provides a handy wrapper for certain types of capability testing and environment creation.

It also provides some debugging features useful for summarizing capability state.

OPTIONS

capsh takes a number of optional arguments, acting on them in the order they are provided.

They are as follows:

--help Display the list of commands supported by capsh.

--print

Display prevailing capability and related state.

-- [args]

Execute /bin/bash with trailing arguments. Note, you can use -c 'command to exe? cute' for specific commands.

== Execute capsh again with the remaining arguments. Useful for testing exec() behav? ior.

--caps=cap-set

Set the prevailing process capabilities to those specified by cap-set. Where cap-

set is a text-representation of capability state as per cap\_from\_text(3).

Remove the listed capabilities from the prevailing bounding set. The capabilities are a comma-separated list of capabilities as recognized by the cap\_from\_name(3) function. Use of this feature requires that capsh is operating with CAP\_SETPCAP in its effective set.

#### --inh=cap-list

Set the inheritable set of capabilities for the current process to equal those pro? vided in the comma separated list. For this action to succeed, the prevailing process should already have each of these capabilities in the union of the current inheritable and permitted capability sets, or capsh should be operating with CAP SETPCAP in its effective set.

#### --user=username

Assume the identity of the named user. That is, look up the user's UID and GID with getpwuid(3) and their group memberships with getgrouplist(3) and set them all using cap\_setuid(3) and cap\_setgroups(3). Following this command, the effective capabil? ities will be cleared, but the permitted set will not be, so the running program is still privileged.

#### --modes

Lists all of the libcap modes supported by --mode.

--mode=<mode>

Force the program into a cap\_set\_mode(3) security mode. This is a set of securebits and prevailing capability arrangement recommended for its pre-determined security stance.

## --inmode=<mode>

Confirm that the prevailing mode is that specified in <mode>, or exit with a status

1.

#### --uid=id

Force all UID values to equal id using the setuid(2) system call. This argument may require explicit preparation of the effective set.

--cap-uid=<uid>

use the cap\_setuid(3) function to set the UID of the current process. This performs

all preparations for setting the UID without dropping capabilities in the process.

Following this command the prevailing effective capabilities will be lowered.

--is-uid=<id>

Exit with status 1 unless the current UID equals <id>.

#### --gid=<id>

Force all GID values to equal id using the setgid(2) system call.

## --is-gid=<id>

Exit with status 1 unless the current GIQ equals <id>.

## --groups=<gid-list>

Set the supplementary groups to the numerical list provided. The groups are set with the setgroups(2) system call. See --user for a more convenient way of doing this.

#### --keep=<0|1>

In a non-pure capability mode, the kernel provides liberal privilege to the superuser. However, it is normally the case that when the super-user changes UID to some lesser user, then capabilities are dropped. For these situations, the kernel can permit the process to retain its capabilities after a setuid(2) system call. This feature is known as keep-caps support. The way to activate it using this program is with this argument. Setting the value to 1 will cause keep-caps to be active. Set? ting it to 0 will cause keep-caps to deactivate for the current process. In all cases, keep-caps is deactivated when an exec() is performed. See --secbits for ways to disable this feature.

#### --secbits=N

Set the security-bits for the program. This is done using the prctl(2) PR\_SET\_SE? CUREBITS operation. The list of supported bits and their meaning can be found in the <sys/secbits.h> header file. The program will list these bits via the --print command. The argument is expressed as a numeric bitmask, in any of the formats permitted by strtoul(3).

#### --chroot=path

Execute the chroot(2) system call with the new root-directory (/) equal to path. This operation requires CAP\_SYS\_CHROOT to be in effect.

#### --forkfor=sec

This command causes the program to fork a child process for so many seconds. The child will sleep that long and then exit with status 0. The purpose of this command is to support exploring the way processes are killable in the face of capability

changes. See the --killit command. Only one fork can be active at a time.

--killit=sig

This commands causes a --forkfor child to be kill(2)d with the specified signal. The command then waits for the child to exit. If the exit status does not match the signal being used to kill it, the capsh program exits with status 1.

#### --decode=N

This is a convenience feature. If you look at /proc/1/status there are some capa? bility related fields of the following form:

CapInh: 0000000000000000

CapPrm: 0000003ffffffff

CapEff: 0000003fffffffff

CapBnd: 0000003fffffffff

CapAmb: 0000000000000000

This option provides a quick way to decode a capability vector represented in this

hexadecimal form. Here's an example that decodes the two lowest capability bits:

\$ capsh --decode=3

0x00000000000003=cap\_chown,cap\_dac\_override

--supports=xxx

As the kernel evolves, more capabilities are added. This option can be used to ver?

ify the existence of a capability on the system. For example, --supports=cap\_syslog

will cause capsh to promptly exit with a status of 1 when run on kernel 2.6.27.

However, when run on kernel 2.6.38 it will silently succeed.

--has-p=xxx

Exit with status 1 unless the permitted vector has capability xxx raised.

--has-ambient

Performs a check to see if the running kernel supports ambient capabilities. If

not, capsh exits with status 1.

## --has-a=xxx

Exit with status 1 unless the ambient vector has capability xxx raised.

# --addamb=xxx

Adds the specified ambient capability to the running process.

--delamb=xxx

Removes the specified ambient capability from the running process.

--noamb

Drops all ambient capabilities from the running process.

# EXIT STATUS

Following successful execution, capsh exits with status 0. Following an error, capsh imme?

diately exits with status 1.

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# **REPORTING BUGS**

Please report bugs via:

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uct=Tools&resolution=---

# SEE ALSO

libcap(3), getcap(8), setcap(8) and capabilities(7).

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