## Suricata - Feature #276
### Libcap support for dropping privileges

03/17/2011 02:57 AM - Victor Julien

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### Description
On Linux we use libcap-ng to drop privileges after startup. Currently libcap-ng supports Linux only, so we need a different solution for FreeBSD and Mac OS X.

Using libcap would likely work.

### Requirements:
- A solution would have to be coded up into src/util-privs.c.
- As much as possible the API should remain the same.
- configure.in/autotools need to auto detect presence and usability of libcap
- libcap-ng (if present) needs to have preference over libcap

Alternatively, libcap-ng could be improved. The upstream dev has indicated to be willing to accept patches for other operating systems.

### Related issues:
- Related to Feature #2375: Design and implement sensible per-thread capabilities
- Related to Feature #2931: Perform privdrop without libcap-ng support

### History

#### #1 - 07/04/2012 03:43 AM - Victor Julien
- Target version set to TBD

#### #2 - 12/19/2017 02:22 AM - Victor Julien
- Related to Feature #2375: Design and implement sensible per-thread capabilities added

#### #3 - 07/13/2018 08:17 PM - Victor Julien
- Effort set to medium
- Difficulty set to low

#### #4 - 03/11/2019 02:06 PM - Victor Julien
- Assignee set to Community Ticket

#### #5 - 04/11/2019 06:21 PM - Victor Julien
- Related to Feature #2931: Perform privdrop without libcap-ng support added