Subject: Re: [PATCH] Cpu statistics accounting based on Paul Menage patches Posted by Balbir Singh on Thu, 12 Apr 2007 21:00:31 GMT

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Andrew Morton wrote:

- > On Wed, 11 Apr 2007 19:02:27 +0400
- > Pavel Emelianov < xemul@sw.ru> wrote:

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- >> Provides a per-container statistics concerning the numbers of tasks
- >> in various states, system and user times, etc. Patch is inspired
- >> by Paul's example of the used CPU time accounting. Although this
- >> patch is independent from Paul's example to make it possible playing
- >> with them separately.

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- > Why is this actually needed? If userspace has a list of the tasks which
- > are in a particular container, it can run around and add up the stats for
- > those tasks without kernel changes?

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- > It's a bit irksome that we have so much accounting of this form in core
- > kernel, yet we have to go and add a completely new implementation to create
- > something which is similar to what we already have. But I don't
- > immediately see a fix for that. Apart from paragraph #1;)

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- > Should there be linkage between per-container stats and
- > delivery-via-taskstats? I can't think of one, really.

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- > You have cpu stats. Later, presumably, we'll need IO stats, MM stats,
- > context-switch stats, number-of-syscall stats, etc, etc. Are we going to
- > reimplement all of those things as well? See paragraph #1!

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- > Bottom line: I think we seriously need to find some way of consolidating
- > per-container stats with our present per-task stats. Perhaps we should
- > instead be looking at ways in which we can speed up paragraph #1.

This should be easy to build. per container stats can live in parallel with per-task stats, but they can use the same general mechanism for data communication to user space.

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