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Subject: Re: Committed\_AS = 4TB  
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Hello,

For me it seems to be strange too... Can you, please, post the output of /proc/user\_beancounters here in order to see which VE allocates so much memory.

Thanks,  
Vasily.

On Mon, 2007-05-07 at 15:27 +0200, Jan Tomasek wrote:

> Hello,  
>  
> my system have Committed\_AS: 4253406264 kB, it is not causing any  
> problems (except of munin which is drawing just line on zero). I found  
> this explanation:  
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> # Committed\_AS: An estimate of how much RAM you would need to make a  
> 99.99% guarantee that there never is OOM (out of memory) for this  
> workload. Normally the kernel will overcommit memory. That means, say  
> you do a 1GB malloc, nothing happens, really. Only when you start USING  
> that malloc memory you will get real memory on demand, and just as much  
> as you use. So you sort of take a mortgage and hope the bank doesn't go  
> bust. Other cases might include when you mmap a file that's shared only  
> when you write to it and you get a private copy of that data. While it  
> normally is shared between processes. The Committed\_AS is a guesstimate  
> of how much RAM/swap you would need worst-case.  
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> <http://www.redhat.com/advice/tips/meminfo.html>  
>  
> I'm having troubles to identify who allocated that much memory.  
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>> top - 15:16:17 up 29 days, 5:02, 2 users, load average: 7.01, 6.83, 6.66  
>> Tasks: 460 total, 7 running, 452 sleeping, 1 stopped, 0 zombie  
>> Cpu(s): 0.2%us, 1.4%sy, 76.0%ni, 22.4%id, 0.0%wa, 0.0%hi, 0.0%si, 0.0%st  
>> Mem: 8303004k total, 8146708k used, 156296k free, 334560k buffers  
>> Swap: 24579440k total, 196k used, 24579244k free, 6876788k cached  
>>  
>> PID USER PR NI VIRT RES SHR S %CPU %MEM TIME+ COMMAND  
>> 16430 semik 10 -10 1215m 1.0g 1.0g S 2 13.1 133:56.51 vmware-vmx  
>> 10950 root 18 0 1199m 66m 5784 S 0 0.8 0:39.85 java  
>> 16463 semik 7 -10 533m 428m 410m S 1 5.3 58:29.35 vmware-vmx

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>> 16446 semik    5 -10 391m 280m 266m S  5 3.5 245:58.27 vmware-vmx
>> 2575 www-data 21  0 225m 2936 1448 S  0 0.0  0:00.00 apache2
>> 2577 www-data 21  0 225m 2928 1452 S  0 0.0  0:00.00 apache2
>> 11128 25     24  0 96916 10m 2068 S  0 0.1  0:02.29 named
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> rest of process have virt. mem size <<100MB.
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> My system has 8GB of physical RAM. Runing 2.6.18-028stab023 and VMWare
> Server - that might be source but... VMWare workstation is not causing
> this (tested on other system). Meminfo:
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> staj# cat /proc/meminfo
> MemTotal:   8303004 kB
> MemFree:    154140 kB
> Buffers:    334616 kB
> Cached:    6877772 kB
> SwapCached: 0 kB
> Active:    4035760 kB
> Inactive:   3536216 kB
> HighTotal:  7470840 kB
> HighFree:   132144 kB
> LowTotal:   832164 kB
> LowFree:    21996 kB
> SwapTotal:  24579440 kB
> SwapFree:   24579244 kB
> Dirty:      732 kB
> Writeback:  0 kB
> AnonPages:  359868 kB
> Mapped:    1814360 kB
> Slab:       464916 kB
> PageTables: 9756 kB
> NFS_Unstable: 0 kB
> Bounce:     0 kB
> CommitLimit: 28730940 kB
> Committed_AS: 4253406264 kB
> VmallocTotal: 118776 kB
> VmallocUsed: 42692 kB
> VmallocChunk: 75716 kB
>
> and vzmemcheck:
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>> staj:/etc# vzmemcheck -v
>> Output values in %
>> veid  LowMem  LowMem  RAM MemSwap MemSwap Alloc Alloc Alloc
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> > util commit util commit util commit limit
> > 233003 0.15 1.31 0.03 0.01 0.09 0.01 0.09 0.66
> > 233250 1.26 11.88 0.49 0.12 0.20 0.40 0.20 38.39
> > 233104 0.14 10.67 0.03 0.01 0.18 0.01 0.18 38.37
> > 233103 0.17 10.67 0.03 0.01 0.18 0.01 0.18 38.37
> > 233107 0.17 10.67 0.03 0.01 0.18 0.01 0.18 38.37
> > 233106 0.16 10.67 0.03 0.01 0.18 0.01 0.18 38.37
> > 233105 0.16 10.67 0.03 0.01 0.18 0.01 0.18 38.37
> > 233102 0.18 10.67 0.03 0.01 0.18 0.01 0.18 38.37
> > 233101 0.18 10.67 0.03 0.01 0.18 0.01 0.18 38.37
> > 233009 0.42 9.13 0.11 0.03 0.17 0.05 0.17 38.36
> > 233249 0.92 10.67 0.60 0.15 0.18 1.52 0.18 38.37
> > 222119 0.44 10.67 0.12 0.03 0.18 0.05 0.18 38.37
> > 233008 1.22 9.13 1.01 0.26 0.17 3.85 0.17 38.36
> > 233006 1.11 10.67 1.34 0.34 0.18 0.37 0.18 38.37
> > 222121 0.17 9.13 0.03 0.01 0.17 0.01 0.17 38.36
> > 192002 0.24 4.64 0.04 0.01 0.12 0.01 0.12 38.31
> > -----
> > Summary: 7.09 151.91 3.97 1.00 2.73 6.35 2.73 576.18
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> Does anybody know how to explain that 4TB?
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