Subject: Re: [PATCH 7/8] Scanner changes needed to implement per-container scanner

Posted by Balbir Singh on Fri, 01 Jun 2007 07:38:03 GMT

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Pavel Emelianov wrote:
> Balbir Singh wrote:
>> Andrew Morton wrote:
>>>> + nr reclaimed += shrink zones(priority, zones, sc);
>>> + if (sc->cnt == NULL)
>>> + shrink_slab(sc->nr_scanned, gfp_mask, lru_pages);
>>> We don't we shrink slab if called to shrink a container.
>>>
>>> This is a fundamental design decision, and a design shortcoming. A full
>>> discussion of this is absolutely appropriate to the patch changelog.
>>> Please don't just hide stuff like this in the patch and leave people
>>> wondering, or ignorant.
>> Yes, we don't because we do not account for slab usage right now. We account
>> only for memory allocated to user space. A good fat comment will help here.
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>
> I have already added the comment. But the problem is not in that we
> do not account for kernel memory. Shrinking slabs won't unmap any
> pages from user-space and thus won't help user to charge more. This
> will only make kernel suffer from re-creation of objects.
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I meant the same thing. Thanks for adding the comment.

Warm Regards, Balbir Singh Linux Technology Center IBM, ISTL