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Subject: Re: Re: [Fwd: [PATCH -RSS 2/2] Fix limit check after reclaim]

Posted by [xemul](#) on Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:13:16 GMT

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Balbir Singh wrote:

> Pavel Emelianov wrote:

>>> +static inline bool res\_counter\_check\_under\_limit(struct res\_counter \*cnt)

>>> +{

>>> + bool ret;

>>> + unsigned long flags;

>>> +

>>> + spin\_lock\_irqsave(&cnt->lock, flags);

>>> + ret = res\_counter\_limit\_check\_locked(cnt);

>> We don't have to take the lock for such a check.

>>

>

> This check without the lock could be racy and return incorrect

> results -- leading to OOM.

Maybe. Nevertheless, if we do not trust the return value of  
try\_to\_free\_pages() then the code should probably look like

```
while (1) {
```

```
    if (res_counter_charge() == 0)
```

```
        break;
```

```
    did_progress = try_to_free_pages();
```

```
    if (res_counter_charge() == 0)
```

```
        break;
```

```
    if (!did_progress)
```

```
        out_of_memory();
```

```
}
```

But in any case we must know for sure was at least one page  
freed or not...

Thanks,  
Pavel

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