
Subject: Re: [Fwd: [PATCH -RSS 1/1] Fix reclaim failure]

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Balbir Singh wrote:

> Sorry forgot to CC you.

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> ----- Original Message -----
> Subject: [PATCH -RSS 1/1] Fix reclaim failure
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>
> This patch fixes the problem seen when a container goes over its limit, the
> reclaim is unsuccessful and the application is terminated. The problem
> is that all pages are by default added to the active list of the RSS
> controller. When `__isolate_lru_page()` is called, it checks to see if
> the list that the page is on (active or inactive) is the same as
> what `PageActive(page)` returns. If this is not the case, the page is skipped.
> In our case a page might not have the `PG_active` bit set and might be on
> the active list of the container, thus we were ignoring those pages and
> our reclaim fails, leading to the application being killed.

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>
> mm/rss_container.c | 31 ++++++-----
> 1 file changed, 23 insertions(+), 8 deletions(-)
>
> diff -puN mm/rss_container.c~rss-fix-free-of-active-pages mm/rss_container.c
> --- linux-2.6.22-rc2-mm1/mm/rss_container.c~rss-fix-free-of-active-pages 2007-06-04
> 19:48:56.000000000 +0530
> +++ linux-2.6.22-rc2-mm1-balbir/mm/rss_container.c 2007-06-04 19:50:18.000000000 +0530
> @@ -205,18 +205,37 @@ void container_rss_move_lists(struct pag
> }
>
> static unsigned long isolate_container_pages(unsigned long nr_to_scan,
> - struct list_head *src, struct list_head *dst,
> - unsigned long *scanned, struct zone *zone, int mode)
> + struct rss_container *rss, struct list_head *dst,
> + unsigned long *scanned, struct zone *zone, int mode,
> + int active)
> {
> unsigned long nr_taken = 0;

```

> struct page *page;
> struct page_container *pc;
> unsigned long scan;
> LIST_HEAD(pc_list);
> + struct list_head *src;
> +
> + src = active ? &rss->active_list : &rss->inactive_list;
>
> for (scan = 0; scan < nr_to_scan && !list_empty(src); scan++) {
> pc = list_entry(src->prev, struct page_container, list);
> page = pc->page;
> +
> + /*
> + * We might have got our active, inactive lists
> + * incorrect, fix it here
> + */
> + if (active && !PageActive(page)) {
> + list_move(&pc->list, &rss->inactive_list);
> + scan--;
> + continue;
> + } else if (!active && PageActive(page)) {
> + list_move(&pc->list, &rss->active_list);
> + scan--;
> + continue;
> + }
> +

```

Actually the plan was to keep these lists consistent, i.e. when page drops the active bit and moves to the inactive global LRU list, the according page_container should be migrated as well. Where's the place that messes the lists? I thought I found all the places when the page migrates across the lists...

```

> /*
> * TODO: now we hold all the pages in one... ok, two lists
> * and skip the pages from another zones with the check
> @@ -249,12 +268,8 @@ unsigned long isolate_pages_in_container
>
> /* we are called with zone->lru_lock held with irqs disabled */
> spin_lock(&rss->res.lock);
> - if (active)
> - ret = isolate_container_pages(nr_to_scan, &rss->active_list,
> - dst, scanned, zone, mode);
> - else
> - ret = isolate_container_pages(nr_to_scan, &rss->inactive_list,
> - dst, scanned, zone, mode);
> + ret = isolate_container_pages(nr_to_scan, rss, dst, scanned, zone,
> + mode, active);

```

I wanted to keep the solution of what list to select here to make it easier to switch to per-zone containers lists. With this check moved to the actual isolation function we won't be able to isolate pages from arbitrary list if we need such, but I believe we will need.

```
> spin_unlock(&rss->res.lock);  
> return ret;  
> }  
> _  
>
```

Thanks,
Pavel

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