
Subject: [-mm PATCH 6/9] Memory controller add per container LRU and reclaim (v4)

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Changelog since v3

1. Added reclaim retry logic to avoid being OOM'ed due to pages from swap cache (coming in due to reclaim) don't overwhelm the container.

Changelog

1. Fix probable NULL pointer dereference based on review comments by YAMAMOTO Takashi

Add the meta_page to the per container LRU. The reclaim algorithm has been modified to make the isolate_lru_pages() as a pluggable component. The scan_control data structure now accepts the container on behalf of which reclaims are carried out. try_to_free_pages() has been extended to become container aware.

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include/linux/memcontrol.h | 11 +++
include/linux/res_counter.h | 23 +++++++
include/linux/swap.h       | 3
mm/memcontrol.c            | 139 ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
mm/swap.c                  | 2
mm/vmscan.c                | 126 ++++++-----
6 files changed, 278 insertions(+), 26 deletions(-)
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diff -puN include/linux/memcontrol.h~mem-control-lru-and-reclaim include/linux/memcontrol.h
--- linux-2.6.23-rc1-mm1/include/linux/memcontrol.h~mem-control-lru-and-reclaim 2007-07-28
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+++ linux-2.6.23-rc1-mm1-balbir/include/linux/memcontrol.h 2007-07-28 01:12:50.000000000
+0530
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@@ -31,6 +31,13 @@ extern void page_assign_meta_page(struct
extern struct meta_page *page_get_meta_page(struct page *page);
extern int mem_container_charge(struct page *page, struct mm_struct *mm);
extern void mem_container_uncharge(struct meta_page *mp);
+extern void mem_container_move_lists(struct meta_page *mp, bool active);
+extern unsigned long mem_container_isolate_pages(unsigned long nr_to_scan,
+ struct list_head *dst,
+ unsigned long *scanned, int order,
+ int mode, struct zone *z,
+ struct mem_container *mem_cont,
+ int active);
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static inline void mem_container_uncharge_page(struct page *page)
{
@@ -70,6 +77,10 @@ static inline void mem_container_uncharg
{
}

+static inline void mem_container_move_lists(struct meta_page *mp, bool active)
+{
+}
+
#endif /* CONFIG_CONTAINER_MEM_CONT */

#endif /* _LINUX_MEMCONTROL_H */
diff -puN include/linux/res_counter.h~mem-control-lru-and-reclaim include/linux/res_counter.h
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01:12:50.000000000 +0530
+++ linux-2.6.23-rc1-mm1-balbir/include/linux/res_counter.h 2007-07-28 01:12:50.000000000
+0530
@@ -99,4 +99,27 @@ int res_counter_charge(struct res_counte
void res_counter_uncharge_locked(struct res_counter *counter, unsigned long val);
void res_counter_uncharge(struct res_counter *counter, unsigned long val);

+static inline bool res_counter_limit_check_locked(struct res_counter *cnt)
+{
+ if (cnt->usage < cnt->limit)
+ return true;
+
+ return false;
+}
+
+/*
+ * Helper function to detect if the container is within it's limit or
+ * not. It's currently called from container_rss_prepare()
+ */
+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);
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cnt->lock, flags);
+ return ret;
+}
+
#endif
diff -puN include/linux/swap.h~mem-control-lru-and-reclaim include/linux/swap.h
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+++ linux-2.6.23-rc1-mm1-balbir/include/linux/swap.h 2007-07-28 01:12:50.000000000 +0530
@@ -6,6 +6,7 @@
#include <linux/mmzone.h>
#include <linux/list.h>
#include <linux/sched.h>
+#include <linux/memcontrol.h>

#include <asm/atomic.h>
#include <asm/page.h>
@@ -191,6 +192,8 @@ extern void swap_setup(void);
/* linux/mm/vmscan.c */
extern unsigned long try_to_free_pages(struct zone **zones, int order,
    gfp_t gfp_mask);
+extern unsigned long try_to_free_mem_container_pages(struct mem_container *mem);
+extern int __isolate_lru_page(struct page *page, int mode);
extern unsigned long shrink_all_memory(unsigned long nr_pages);
extern int vm_swappiness;
extern int remove_mapping(struct address_space *mapping, struct page *page);
diff -puN mm/memcontrol.c~mem-control-lru-and-reclaim mm/memcontrol.c
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+++ linux-2.6.23-rc1-mm1-balbir/mm/memcontrol.c 2007-07-28 01:12:50.000000000 +0530
@@ -24,8 +24,11 @@
#include <linux/page-flags.h>
#include <linux/bit_spinlock.h>
#include <linux/rcupdate.h>
+#include <linux/swap.h>
+#include <linux/spinlock.h>

struct container_subsys mem_container_subsys;
+static const int MEM_CONTAINER_RECLAIM_RETRIES = 5;

/*
 * The memory controller data structure. The memory controller controls both
@@ -51,6 +54,10 @@ struct mem_container {
    */
    struct list_head active_list;
    struct list_head inactive_list;
+ /*
+  * spin_lock to protect the per container LRU
+  */
+ spinlock_t lru_lock;
};

/*
@@ -116,6 +123,97 @@ void __always_inline unlock_meta_page(st
    bit_spin_unlock(PG_metapage, &page->flags);

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}

+unsigned long mem_container_isolate_pages(unsigned long nr_to_scan,
+ struct list_head *dst,
+ unsigned long *scanned, int order,
+ int mode, struct zone *z,
+ struct mem_container *mem_cont,
+ int active)
+{
+ unsigned long nr_taken = 0;
+ struct page *page;
+ unsigned long scan;
+ LIST_HEAD(mp_list);
+ struct list_head *src;
+ struct meta_page *mp;
+
+ if (active)
+ src = &mem_cont->active_list;
+ else
+ src = &mem_cont->inactive_list;
+
+ for (scan = 0; scan < nr_to_scan && !list_empty(src); scan++) {
+ mp = list_entry(src->prev, struct meta_page, lru);
+ spin_lock(&mem_cont->lru_lock);
+ if (mp)
+ page = mp->page;
+ spin_unlock(&mem_cont->lru_lock);
+ if (!mp)
+ continue;
+
+ if (PageActive(page) && !active) {
+ mem_container_move_lists(mp, true);
+ scan--;
+ continue;
+ }
+ if (!PageActive(page) && active) {
+ mem_container_move_lists(mp, false);
+ scan--;
+ continue;
+ }
+
+ /*
+  * Reclaim, per zone
+  * TODO: make the active/inactive lists per zone
+  */
+ if (page_zone(page) != z)
+ continue;
+
+

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+ spin_lock(&mem_cont->lru_lock);
+ /*
+  * Check if the meta page went away from under us
+  */
+ if (!list_empty(&mp->lru))
+ list_move(&mp->lru, &mp_list);
+ else {
+ spin_unlock(&mem_cont->lru_lock);
+ continue;
+ }
+ spin_unlock(&mem_cont->lru_lock);
+
+ if (__isolate_lru_page(page, mode) == 0) {
+ list_move(&page->lru, dst);
+ nr_taken++;
+ }
+ }
+
+ spin_lock(&mem_cont->lru_lock);
+ list_splice(&mp_list, src);
+ spin_unlock(&mem_cont->lru_lock);
+
+ *scanned = scan;
+ return nr_taken;
+}
+
+/*
+ * This routine assumes that the appropriate zone's lru lock is already held
+ */
+void mem_container_move_lists(struct meta_page *mp, bool active)
+{
+ struct mem_container *mem;
+ if (!mp)
+ return;
+
+ mem = mp->mem_container;
+
+ spin_lock(&mem->lru_lock);
+ if (active)
+ list_move(&mp->lru, &mp->mem_container->active_list);
+ else
+ list_move(&mp->lru, &mp->mem_container->inactive_list);
+ spin_unlock(&mem->lru_lock);
+}
+
+/*
+ * Charge the memory controller for page usage.
+ * Return

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@@ -126,6 +224,8 @@ int mem_container_charge(struct page *pa
{
    struct mem_container *mem;
    struct meta_page *mp, *race_mp;
+ unsigned long flags;
+ unsigned long nr_retries = MEM_CONTAINER_RECLAIM_RETRIES;

    /*
     * Should meta_page's go to their own slab?
@@ -172,7 +272,32 @@ int mem_container_charge(struct page *pa
    * If we created the meta_page, we should free it on exceeding
    * the container limit.
    */
- if (res_counter_charge(&mem->res, 1)) {
+ while (res_counter_charge(&mem->res, 1)) {
+ if (try_to_free_mem_container_pages(mem))
+ continue;
+
+ /*
+  * try_to_free_mem_container_pages() might not give us a full
+  * picture of reclaim. Some pages are reclaimed and might be
+  * moved to swap cache or just unmapped from the container.
+  * Check the limit again to see if the reclaim reduced the
+  * current usage of the container before giving up
+  */
+ if (res_counter_check_under_limit(&mem->res))
+ continue;
+
+ /*
+  * Since we control both RSS and cache, we end up with a
+  * very interesting scenario where we end up reclaiming
+  * memory (essentially RSS), since the memory is pushed
+  * to swap cache, we eventually end up adding those
+  * pages back to our list. Hence we give ourselves a
+  * few chances before we fail
+  */
+ else if (nr_retries--) {
+ congestion_wait(WRITE, HZ/10);
+ continue;
+ }
+
    css_put(&mem->css);
    goto free_mp;
}
@@ -195,6 +320,10 @@ int mem_container_charge(struct page *pa
    mp->page = page;
    page_assign_meta_page(page, mp);

+ spin_lock_irqsave(&mem->lru_lock, flags);

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+ list_add(&mp->lru, &mem->active_list);
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&mem->lru_lock, flags);
+
done:
    unlock_meta_page(page);
    return 0;
@@ -214,6 +343,7 @@ void mem_container_uncharge(struct meta_
{
    struct mem_container *mem;
    struct page *page;
+ unsigned long flags;

    /*
     * This can happen for PAGE_ZERO
@@ -223,12 +353,18 @@ void mem_container_uncharge(struct meta_

    if (atomic_dec_and_test(&mp->ref_cnt)) {
        page = mp->page;
+
        lock_meta_page(page);
        mem = mp->mem_container;
        css_put(&mem->css);
        page_assign_meta_page(page, NULL);
        unlock_meta_page(page);
+
        res_counter_uncharge(&mem->res, 1);
+
+ spin_lock_irqsave(&mem->lru_lock, flags);
+ list_del_init(&mp->lru);
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&mem->lru_lock, flags);
        kfree(mp);
    }
}
@@ -287,6 +423,7 @@ mem_container_create(struct container_su
    res_counter_init(&mem->res);
    INIT_LIST_HEAD(&mem->active_list);
    INIT_LIST_HEAD(&mem->inactive_list);
+ spin_lock_init(&mem->lru_lock);
    return &mem->css;
}

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+++ linux-2.6.23-rc1-mm1-balbir/mm/swap.c 2007-07-28 01:12:50.000000000 +0530
@@ -29,6 +29,7 @@
#include <linux/percpu.h>
#include <linux/cpu.h>

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#include <linux/notifier.h>
#include <linux/memcontrol.h>

/* How many pages do we try to swap or page in/out together? */
int page_cluster;
@@ -146,6 +147,7 @@ void fastcall activate_page(struct page
    SetPageActive(page);
    add_page_to_active_list(zone, page);
    __count_vm_event(PGACTIVATE);
+ mem_container_move_lists(page_get_meta_page(page), true);
}
spin_unlock_irq(&zone->lru_lock);
}
diff -puN mm/vmscan.c~mem-control-lru-and-reclaim mm/vmscan.c
--- linux-2.6.23-rc1-mm1/mm/vmscan.c~mem-control-lru-and-reclaim 2007-07-28
01:12:50.000000000 +0530
+++ linux-2.6.23-rc1-mm1-balbir/mm/vmscan.c 2007-07-28 01:12:50.000000000 +0530
@@ -39,6 +39,7 @@
#include <linux/delay.h>
#include <linux/kthread.h>
#include <linux/freezer.h>
#include <linux/memcontrol.h>

#include <asm/tlbflush.h>
#include <asm/div64.h>
@@ -70,6 +71,15 @@ struct scan_control {
    int all_unreclaimable;

    int order;
+
+ /* Which container do we reclaim from */
+ struct mem_container *mem_container;
+
+ /* Pluggable isolate pages callback */
+ unsigned long (*isolate_pages)(unsigned long nr, struct list_head *dst,
+ unsigned long *scanned, int order, int mode,
+ struct zone *z, struct mem_container *mem_cont,
+ int active);
};

#define lru_to_page(_head) (list_entry((_head)->prev, struct page, lru))
@@ -604,7 +614,7 @@ keep:
*
* returns 0 on success, -ve errno on failure.
*/
-static int __isolate_lru_page(struct page *page, int mode)
+int __isolate_lru_page(struct page *page, int mode)
{

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int ret = -EINVAL;

@@ -738,6 +748,21 @@ static unsigned long isolate_lru_pages(u
    return nr_taken;
}

+static unsigned long isolate_pages_global(unsigned long nr,
+    struct list_head *dst,
+    unsigned long *scanned, int order,
+    int mode, struct zone *z,
+    struct mem_container *mem_cont,
+    int active)
+{
+    if (active)
+    return isolate_lru_pages(nr, &z->active_list, dst,
+        scanned, order, mode);
+    else
+    return isolate_lru_pages(nr, &z->inactive_list, dst,
+        scanned, order, mode);
+}
+
+/*
+ * clear_active_flags() is a helper for shrink_active_list(), clearing
+ * any active bits from the pages in the list.
@@ -779,11 +804,11 @@ static unsigned long shrink_inactive_lis
    unsigned long nr_freed;
    unsigned long nr_active;

-    nr_taken = isolate_lru_pages(sc->swap_cluster_max,
-        &z->inactive_list,
+    nr_taken = sc->isolate_pages(sc->swap_cluster_max,
+        &page_list, &nr_scan, sc->order,
+        (sc->order > PAGE_ALLOC_COSTLY_ORDER)?
-        ISOLATE_BOTH : ISOLATE_INACTIVE);
+        ISOLATE_BOTH : ISOLATE_INACTIVE,
+    zone, sc->mem_container, 0);
    nr_active = clear_active_flags(&page_list);

    __mod_zone_page_state(zone, NR_ACTIVE, -nr_active);
@@ -932,8 +957,9 @@ force_reclaim_mapped:

    lru_add_drain();
    spin_lock_irq(&z->lru_lock);
-    pgmoved = isolate_lru_pages(nr_pages, &z->active_list,
-        &l_hold, &pgscanned, sc->order, ISOLATE_ACTIVE);
+    pgmoved = sc->isolate_pages(nr_pages, &l_hold, &pgscanned, sc->order,
+        ISOLATE_ACTIVE, zone,
+        sc->mem_container, 1);

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zone->pages_scanned += pgscanned;
__mod_zone_page_state(zone, NR_ACTIVE, -pgmoved);
spin_unlock_irq(&zone->lru_lock);
@@ -968,6 +994,7 @@ force_reclaim_mapped:
    ClearPageActive(page);

    list_move(&page->lru, &zone->inactive_list);
+ mem_container_move_lists(page_get_meta_page(page), false);
    pgmoved++;
    if (!pagevec_add(&pvec, page)) {
        __mod_zone_page_state(zone, NR_INACTIVE, pgmoved);
@@ -996,6 +1023,7 @@ force_reclaim_mapped:
        SetPageLRU(page);
        VM_BUG_ON(!PageActive(page));
        list_move(&page->lru, &zone->active_list);
+ mem_container_move_lists(page_get_meta_page(page), true);
    pgmoved++;
    if (!pagevec_add(&pvec, page)) {
        __mod_zone_page_state(zone, NR_ACTIVE, pgmoved);
@@ -1127,7 +1155,8 @@ static unsigned long shrink_zones(int pr
    * holds filesystem locks which prevent writeout this might not work, and the
    * allocation attempt will fail.
    */
-unsigned long try_to_free_pages(struct zone **zones, int order, gfp_t gfp_mask)
+unsigned long do_try_to_free_pages(struct zone **zones, gfp_t gfp_mask,
+    struct scan_control *sc)
{
    int priority;
    int ret = 0;
@@ -1136,14 +1165,6 @@ unsigned long try_to_free_pages(struct z
    struct reclaim_state *reclaim_state = current->reclaim_state;
    unsigned long lru_pages = 0;
    int i;
- struct scan_control sc = {
-     .gfp_mask = gfp_mask,
-     .may_writepage = !laptop_mode,
-     .swap_cluster_max = SWAP_CLUSTER_MAX,
-     .may_swap = 1,
-     .swappiness = vm_swappiness,
-     .order = order,
- };

    delay_swap_prefetch();
    count_vm_event(ALLOCSTALL);
@@ -1159,17 +1180,22 @@ unsigned long try_to_free_pages(struct z
}

for (priority = DEF_PRIORITY; priority >= 0; priority--) {

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- sc.nr_scanned = 0;
+ sc->nr_scanned = 0;
  if (!priority)
    disable_swap_token();
- nr_reclaimed += shrink_zones(priority, zones, &sc);
- shrink_slab(sc.nr_scanned, gfp_mask, lru_pages);
+ nr_reclaimed += shrink_zones(priority, zones, sc);
+ /*
+  * Don't shrink slabs when reclaiming memory from
+  * over limit containers
+  */
+ if (sc->mem_container == NULL)
+ shrink_slab(sc->nr_scanned, gfp_mask, lru_pages);
  if (reclaim_state) {
    nr_reclaimed += reclaim_state->reclaimed_slab;
    reclaim_state->reclaimed_slab = 0;
  }
- total_scanned += sc.nr_scanned;
- if (nr_reclaimed >= sc.swap_cluster_max) {
+ total_scanned += sc->nr_scanned;
+ if (nr_reclaimed >= sc->swap_cluster_max) {
  ret = 1;
  goto out;
}
@@ -1181,18 +1207,18 @@ unsigned long try_to_free_pages(struct z
  * that's undesirable in laptop mode, where we *want* lumpy
  * writeout. So in laptop mode, write out the whole world.
  */
- if (total_scanned > sc.swap_cluster_max +
-     sc.swap_cluster_max / 2) {
+ if (total_scanned > sc->swap_cluster_max +
+     sc->swap_cluster_max / 2) {
  wakeup_pdflush(laptop_mode ? 0 : total_scanned);
- sc.may_writepage = 1;
+ sc->may_writepage = 1;
}

  /* Take a nap, wait for some writeback to complete */
- if (sc.nr_scanned && priority < DEF_PRIORITY - 2)
+ if (sc->nr_scanned && priority < DEF_PRIORITY - 2)
  congestion_wait(WRITE, HZ/10);
}
/* top priority shrink_caches still had more to do? don't OOM, then */
- if (!sc.all_unreclaimable)
+ if (!sc->all_unreclaimable && sc->mem_container == NULL)
  ret = 1;
out:
/*

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@@ -1215,6 +1241,54 @@ out:

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    return ret;
}

+unsigned long try_to_free_pages(struct zone **zones, int order, gfp_t gfp_mask)
+{
+ struct scan_control sc = {
+  .gfp_mask = gfp_mask,
+  .may_writepage = !laptop_mode,
+  .swap_cluster_max = SWAP_CLUSTER_MAX,
+  .may_swap = 1,
+  .swappiness = vm_swappiness,
+  .order = order,
+  .mem_container = NULL,
+  .isolate_pages = isolate_pages_global,
+ };
+
+ return do_try_to_free_pages(zones, gfp_mask, &sc);
+}
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_CONTAINER_MEM_CONT
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_HIGHMEM
+#define ZONE_USERPAGES ZONE_HIGHMEM
+#else
+#define ZONE_USERPAGES ZONE_NORMAL
+#endif
+
+unsigned long try_to_free_mem_container_pages(struct mem_container *mem_cont)
+{
+ struct scan_control sc = {
+  .gfp_mask = GFP_KERNEL,
+  .may_writepage = !laptop_mode,
+  .may_swap = 1,
+  .swap_cluster_max = SWAP_CLUSTER_MAX,
+  .swappiness = vm_swappiness,
+  .order = 1,
+  .mem_container = mem_cont,
+  .isolate_pages = mem_container_isolate_pages,
+ };
+ int node;
+ struct zone **zones;
+
+ for_each_online_node(node) {
+  zones = NODE_DATA(node)->node_zonelist[ZONE_USERPAGES].zones;
+  if (do_try_to_free_pages(zones, sc.gfp_mask, &sc))
+   return 1;
+ }
+ }
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+ return 0;
+}
+ #endif
+
+ /*
+  * For kswapd, balance_pgdat() will work across all this node's zones until
+  * they are all at pages_high.
+  @@ -1250,6 +1324,8 @@ static unsigned long balance_pgdat(pg_da
+  .swap_cluster_max = SWAP_CLUSTER_MAX,
+  .swappiness = vm_swappiness,
+  .order = order,
+  + .mem_container = NULL,
+  + .isolate_pages = isolate_pages_global,
+  };
+  /*
+  * temp_priority is used to remember the scanning priority at which

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