
Subject: [RFC][PATCH] allow "unlimited" limit value.
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just for a RFC.

When I use memory controller, I notice that memory.limit_in_bytes shows just very big number, if unlimited.

A user(or tool) has to know that the big number(LLONG_MAX) means "unlimited". IMHO, some interface which allows users to specify "unlimited" value is helpful.

This patch tries to define value RES_COUNTER_UNLIMITED (== LLONG_MAX) and modifies an interface to support "unlimited" value.

Because this patch breaks limit_in_bytes to some extent, I'm glad if someone has a better idea to show unlimited value. (if some easy value means "unlimited", it's helpful. LLONG_MAX is not easy to be recognized.)

==after this patch ==

```
[root@aworks kamezawa]# echo -n 400000000 > /opt/cgroup/memory.limit_in_bytes
[root@aworks kamezawa]# cat /opt/cgroup/memory.limit_in_bytes
400003072
[root@aworks kamezawa]# echo -n unlimited > /opt/cgroup/memory.limit_in_bytes
[root@aworks kamezawa]# cat /opt/cgroup/memory.limit_in_bytes
unlimited
```

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include/linux/res_counter.h | 1 +
kernel/res_counter.c       | 11 ++++++----
2 files changed, 9 insertions(+), 3 deletions(-)
```

Index: linux-2.6.23-rc8-mm1/include/linux/res_counter.h

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--- linux-2.6.23-rc8-mm1.orig/include/linux/res_counter.h
+++ linux-2.6.23-rc8-mm1/include/linux/res_counter.h
@@ -28,6 +28,7 @@ struct res_counter {
 * the limit that usage cannot exceed
 */
 unsigned long long limit;
+#define RES_COUNTER_UNLIMITED ((unsigned long long)LLONG_MAX)
/*
 * the number of unsuccessful attempts to consume the resource
 */
```

Index: linux-2.6.23-rc8-mm1/kernel/res_counter.c

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--- linux-2.6.23-rc8-mm1.orig/kernel/res_counter.c

+++ linux-2.6.23-rc8-mm1/kernel/res_counter.c

@@ -16,7 +16,7 @@

```
void res_counter_init(struct res_counter *counter)
{
    spin_lock_init(&counter->lock);
- counter->limit = (unsigned long long)LLONG_MAX;
+ counter->limit = RES_COUNTER_UNLIMITED;
}
```

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int res_counter_charge_locked(struct res_counter *counter, unsigned long val)
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@@ -84,7 +84,9 @@ ssize_t res_counter_read(struct res_coun

```
    s = buf;
    val = res_counter_member(counter, member);
- if (read_strategy)
+ if (*val == RES_COUNTER_UNLIMITED) {
+ s += sprintf(s, "unlimited\n", *val);
+ } else if (read_strategy)
    s += read_strategy(*val, s);
    else
    s += sprintf(s, "%llu\n", *val);
@@ -112,7 +114,10 @@ ssize_t res_counter_write(struct res_cou
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    ret = -EINVAL;
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- if (write_strategy) {
+ if ((strcmp(buf, "-1") == 0) ||
+     (strcmp(buf, "unlimited") == 0)) {
+ tmp = RES_COUNTER_UNLIMITED;
+ } else if (write_strategy) {
    if (write_strategy(buf, &tmp)) {
        goto out_free;
    }
}
```

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