
Subject: Re: [RFC][mm] [1/2] Simple stats for cpu resource controller
Posted by [Balaji Rao](#) on Thu, 10 Apr 2008 16:09:59 GMT
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On Monday 07 April 2008 06:54:53 pm Peter Zijlstra wrote:

> On Sun, 2008-04-06 at 02:01 +0530, Balaji Rao wrote:

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> > > +static s64 cpu_cgroup_read_stat(struct cpu_cgroup_stat *stat,

> > > + enum cpu_cgroup_stat_index idx)

> > > +{

> > > + int cpu;

> > > + s64 ret = 0;

> > > + unsigned long flags;

> > >

> > > +

> > > + local_irq_save(flags);

> > >

> > > I am just wondering. Is local_irq_save() enough?

> > >

> > Hmmm.. You are right. This does not prevent concurrent updates on other CPUs

> > from crossing a 32bit boundary. Am not sure how to do this in a safe way.

I

> > can only think of using atomic64_t now..

> >

> > > + for_each_possible_cpu(cpu)

> > > + ret += stat->cpustat[cpu].count[idx];

> > > + local_irq_restore(flags);

> > > +

> > > + return ret;

> > > +}

> > > +

>

> So many stats to steal code from,.. but you didn't :-(

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> Look at mm/vmstat.c, that is a rather complete example.

>

> The trick to solving the above is to use per cpu deltas instead, the

> deltas can be machine word size and are thus always read in an atomic

> manner (provided they are also naturally aligned).

>

>

Hi Peter,

This wont work for time based statistics. At nsec granularity, a word can hold a time value of up to ~4s.

I propose to solve this problem by using a lock to protect the statistics, but

only on 32bit architectures.

I'm not sure how good a solution this is, but that's the best I can think of ATM.

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