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Subject: Re: [RFC/PATCH 1/8]: CGroup Files: Add locking mode to cgroups control files

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menage@google.com wrote:

> Different cgroup files have different stability requirements of the  
> cgroups framework while the handler is running; currently most  
> subsystems that don't have their own internal synchronization just  
> call cgroup\_lock()/cgroup\_unlock(), which takes the global cgroup\_mutex.  
>  
> This patch introduces a range of locking modes that can be requested  
> by a control file; currently these are all implemented internally by  
> taking cgroup\_mutex, but expressing the intention will make it simpler  
> to move to a finer-grained locking scheme in the future.  
>  
> Signed-off-by: Paul Menage<menage@google.com>  
>

This patch series looks good to me. I've reviewed those patches and didn't see anything wrong, except a little comments below.

[..snap..]

```
> -static ssize_t cgroup_write_X64(struct cgroup *cgrp, struct cftype *cft,  
> - struct file *file,  
> - const char __user *userbuf,  
> - size_t nbytes, loff_t *unused_ppos)  
> +  
> +  
> +/**  
> + * cgroup_file_lock(). Helper for cgroup read/write methods.  
> + * @cgrp: the cgroup being acted on  
> + * @cft: the control file being written to or read from  
> + * *write: true if the access is a write access.
```

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s/*write/@write
```

[..snip..]

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>  
> static ssize_t cgroup_common_file_read(struct cgroup *cgrp,  
> @@ -1518,16 +1580,21 @@ static ssize_t cgroup_file_read(struct f  
> struct cftype *cft = __d_cft(file->f_dentry);  
> struct cgroup *cgrp = __d_cgrp(file->f_dentry->d_parent);  
>  
> - if (!cft || cgroup_is_removed(cgrp))  
> + if (cgroup_is_removed(cgrp))
```

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> return -ENODEV;
>
```

This check seems redundant now.

```
> - if (cft->read)
> - return cft->read(cgrp, cft, file, buf, nbytes, ppos);
> - if (cft->read_u64)
> - return cgroup_read_u64(cgrp, cft, file, buf, nbytes, ppos);
> - if (cft->read_s64)
> - return cgroup_read_s64(cgrp, cft, file, buf, nbytes, ppos);
> - return -EINVAL;
> + if (cft->read) {
> + /* Raw read function - no extra processing by cgroups */
> + ssize_t retval = cgroup_file_lock(cgrp, cft, 0);
> + if (!retval)
> +   retval = cft->read(cgrp, cft, file, buf, nbytes, ppos);
> + cgroup_file_unlock(cgrp, cft, 0);
> + return retval;
> + }
> + if (cft->read_u64 || cft->read_s64)
> + return cgroup_read_X64(cgrp, cft, file, buf, nbytes, ppos);
> + else
> + return -EINVAL;
> }
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