Subject: Re: [RFC] [PATCH] cgroup: add "procs" control file Posted by Balbir Singh on Fri, 20 Jun 2008 14:19:32 GMT

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KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki wrote:
> On Wed, 18 Jun 2008 16:02:25 +0800
> Li Zefan < lizf@cn.fujitsu.com> wrote:
>> This control file is the equivalent of the "tasks" control file, but
>> acting/reporting on entire thread groups.
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>> For example, we have a process with pid 1000 and its sub-thread with
>> tid 1001, to attach them into a cgroup:
>> # echo 1000 > procs
>> Then show the process list and the task list respectively:
>> # cat procs
>> 1000
>> # cat tasks
>> 1000
>> 1001
>>
>> Questions:
>> - What to do if the attaching of a thread failed? continue to attach
>> other threads, or stop and return error?
>> - When a sub-thread of a process is in the cgroup, but not its thread
   cgroup leader, what to do when 'cat procs'? just skip those threads?
> I think this feature make sense. But not meets a theory that cgroup handles
> a thread not a process. So, how about changing the definition of this interface
> from
  - showing procs
> to
  - showing threads which is thread-group-leader.
> One possible problem is a case that thread-group-leader exits while other
> members are alive. In such case, thread-group-leader calls cgroup exit()
> but will be still alive until all sub-threads exit. So, this interface
> cannot show correct information.
> (right ??? please point out if I miss something)
It can show the thread group leader in zombie state with [TID]?
> So, how about this kind of interface? showing both of TID and PID.
>
> %/cat/procs
> TID PID
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> 1001 1001

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> 1234 1001
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> 3856 1001

> 728 728

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> nonsense ?

This information is also available from other means /proc/pid/tasks for example. I like Li's original interface for procs and tasks. I would also suggest adding groups.

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