Subject: Re: [PATCH] introduce task cgroup v2 Posted by Balbir Singh on Sat, 21 Jun 2008 08:56:53 GMT

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Paul Menage wrote:

- > On Sun, Jun 15, 2008 at 6:32 PM, KOSAKI Motohiro
- > <kosaki.motohiro@jp.fujitsu.com> wrote:
- >> honestly, I used res_counter on early version.
- >> but I got bad performance.

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> Bad performance on the charge/uncharge?

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- > The only difference I can see is that res_counter uses
- > spin_lock_irqsave()/spin_unlock_irqrestore(), and you're using plain
- > spin_lock()/spin_unlock().

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- > Is the overhead of a pushf/cli/popf really going to matter compared
- > with the overhead of forking/exiting a task?

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- > Or approaching this from the other side, does res_counter really need
- > irq-safe locking, or is it just being cautious?

We really need irq-safe locking. We can end up uncharging from reclaim context (called under zone->lru_lock and mem->zone->lru_lock - held with interrupts disabled)

I am going to convert the spin lock to a reader writers lock, so that reads from user space do not cause contention. I'll experiment and look at the overhead.

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Warm Regards, Balbir Singh Linux Technology Center IBM, ISTL

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