
Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/3] i/o bandwidth controller infrastructure

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Andrea Righi <righi.andrea@gmail.com> wrote:

> > Does all this code treat /dev/sda1 as a separate device from /dev/sda2?

> > If so, that would be broken.

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> Yes, all the partitions are treated as separate devices with

> (potentially) different limiting rules, but I don't understand why it

> would be broken... dev_t has both minor and major numbers, so it would

> be possible to select single partitions as well.

Well it's functionally broken, isn't it? A physical disk has a fixed IO bandwidth and when the administrator wants to partition that bandwidth amongst control groups he will need to consider the entire device when doing so?

I mean, the whole point of this feature and of control groups as a whole is isolation. But /dev/sda1 and /dev/sda2 are very much not isolated. Whereas /dev/sda and /dev/sdb are (to a large degree) isolated.

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