

---

Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH] Container Freezer: Don't Let Frozen Stuff Change  
Posted by [Li Zefan](#) on Thu, 10 Jul 2008 03:20:12 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Matt Helsley wrote:

> On Thu, 2008-07-10 at 09:42 +0900, KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki wrote:

>> On Wed, 09 Jul 2008 14:58:43 -0700

>> Matt Helsley <matthltc@us.ibm.com> wrote:

>>

>>> On Tue, 2008-07-08 at 13:07 -0700, Paul Menage wrote:

>>>> On Tue, Jul 8, 2008 at 1:06 PM, Paul Menage <menage@google.com> wrote:

>>>>> On Tue, Jul 8, 2008 at 12:39 PM, Matt Helsley <matthltc@us.ibm.com> wrote:

>>>>>> One is to try and disallow users from moving frozen tasks. That doesn't

>>>>>> seem like a good approach since it would require a new cgroups interface

>>>>>> "can\_detach()".

>>>>> Detaching from the old cgroup happens at the same time as attaching to

>>>>> the new cgroup, so can\_attach() would work here.

>>> Update: I've made a patch implementing this. However it might be better

>>> to just modify attach() to thaw the moving task rather than disallow

>>> moving the frozen task. Serge, Cedric, Kame-san, do you have any

>>> thoughts on which is more useful and/or intuitive?

>>>

>> Thank you for explanation in previous mail.

>>

>> Hmm, just thawing seems attractive but it will confuse people (I think).

>>

>> I think some kind of process-group is freezed by this freezer and "moving

>> freezed task" is wrong(unexpected) operation in general. And there will

>> be no demand to do that from users.

>> I think just taking "moving freezed task" as error-operation and returning

>> -EBUSY is better.

>

> Kame-san,

>

> I've been working on changes to the can\_attach() code so it was pretty

> easy to try this out.

>

> Don't let frozen tasks or cgroups change. This means frozen tasks can't

> leave their current cgroup for another cgroup. It also means that tasks

> cannot be added to or removed from a cgroup in the FROZEN state. We

> enforce these rules by checking for frozen tasks and cgroups in the

> can\_attach() function.

>

> Signed-off-by: Matt Helsley <matthltc@us.ibm.com>

> ---

> Builds, boots, passes testing against 2.6.26-rc5-mm2

>

> kernel/cgroup\_freezer.c | 42 ++++++-----

```

> 1 file changed, 25 insertions(+), 17 deletions(-)
>
> Index: linux-2.6.26-rc5-mm2/kernel/cgroup_freezer.c
> =====
> --- linux-2.6.26-rc5-mm2.orig/kernel/cgroup_freezer.c
> +++ linux-2.6.26-rc5-mm2/kernel/cgroup_freezer.c
> @@ -89,26 +89,43 @@ static void freezer_destroy(struct cgrou
>      struct cgroup *cgroup)
> {
>     kfree(cgroup_freezer(cgroup));
> }
>
> +/* Task is frozen or will freeze immediately when next it gets woken */
> +static bool is_task_frozen_enough(struct task_struct *task)
> +{
> + return (frozen(task) || (task_is_stopped_or_traced(task) && freezing(task)));
> +}
>
> +/*
> + * The call to cgroup_lock() in the freezer.state write method prevents
> + * a write to that file racing against an attach, and hence the
> + * can_attach() result will remain valid until the attach completes.
> + */
> static int freezer_can_attach(struct cgroup_subsys *ss,
>     struct cgroup *new_cgroup,
>     struct task_struct *task)
> {
>     struct freezer *freezer;
> - int retval = 0;
> + int retval;
> +
> + /* Anything frozen can't move or be moved to/from */
> +
> + if (is_task_frozen_enough(task))
> + return -EBUSY;
>

```

cgroup\_lock() can prevent the state change of old\_cgroup and new\_cgroup, but will the following racy happen ?

```

1                               2
can_attach(tsk)
  is_task_frozen_enough(tsk) == false
                                freeze_task(tsk)
attach(tsk)

```

i.e., will is\_task\_frozen\_enough(tsk) remain valid through can\_attach() and attach()?

```

> - /*

```

```

> - * The call to cgroup_lock() in the freezer.state write method prevents
> - * a write to that file racing against an attach, and hence the
> - * can_attach() result will remain valid until the attach completes.
> - */
> freezer = cgroup_freezer(new_cgroup);
> if (freezer->state == STATE_FROZEN)
> + return -EBUSY;
> +
> + retval = 0;
> + task_lock(task);
> + freezer = task_freezer(task);
> + if (freezer->state == STATE_FROZEN)
>   retval = -EBUSY;
> + task_unlock(task);
>   return retval;
> }
>
> static void freezer_fork(struct cgroup_subsys *ss, struct task_struct *task)
> {
> @@ -139,16 +156,11 @@ static void check_if_frozen(struct cgroup
>   unsigned int nfrozen = 0, ntotal = 0;
>
>   cgroup_iter_start(cgroup, &it);
>   while ((task = cgroup_iter_next(cgroup, &it))) {
>     ntotal++;
> - /*
> - * Task is frozen or will freeze immediately when next it gets
> - * woken
> - */
> - if (frozen(task) ||
> -     (task_is_stopped_or_traced(task) && freezing(task)))
> + if (is_task_frozen_enough(task))
>   nfrozen++;
> }
>
> /*
> * Transition to FROZEN when no new tasks can be added ensures
> @@ -195,15 +207,11 @@ static int try_to_freeze_cgroup(struct c
>   freezer->state = STATE_FREEZING;
>   cgroup_iter_start(cgroup, &it);
>   while ((task = cgroup_iter_next(cgroup, &it))) {
>     if (!freeze_task(task, true))
>       continue;
> - if (task_is_stopped_or_traced(task) && freezing(task))
> - /*
> - * The freeze flag is set so these tasks will
> - * immediately go into the fridge upon waking.
> - */

```

```
> + if (is_task_frozen_enough(task))
>     continue;
>     if (!freezing(task) && !freezer_should_skip(task))
>         num_cant_freeze_now++;
> }
> cgroup_iter_end(cgroup, &it);
>
```

---

Containers mailing list

Containers@lists.linux-foundation.org

<https://lists.linux-foundation.org/mailman/listinfo/containers>

---