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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/1, v6] cgroup/freezer: add per freezer duty ratio control  
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On Wed, Feb 09, 2011 at 07:04:42PM -0800, Matt Helsley wrote:

```
> > +{
> > + struct cgroup *cgroup = (struct cgroup *)data;
> > + struct freezer *freezer = cgroup_freezer(cgroup);
> > +
> > + do {
> > + if (freezer->duty.ratio < 100 && freezer->duty.ratio > 0 &&
> > + freezer->duty.period_pct_ms) {
> > + if (try_to_freeze_cgroup(cgroup, freezer))
> > + pr_info("cannot freeze\n");
> > + msleep(freezer->duty.period_pct_ms *
> > + freezer->duty.ratio);
> > + unfreeze_cgroup(cgroup, freezer);
> > + msleep(freezer->duty.period_pct_ms *
> > + (100 - freezer->duty.ratio));
> > + } else {
> > + sleep_on(&freezer_wait);
> > + pr_debug("freezer thread wake up\n");
> > +
> > + } while (!kthread_should_stop());
> > + return 0;
> > +}
>
> Seems to me you could avoid the thread-per-cgroup overhead and the
> sleep-loop code by using one timer-per-cgroup. When the timer expires
> you freeze/thaw the cgroup associated with the timer, setup the next
> wakeup timer, and use only one kernel thread to do it all. If you
> use workqueues you might even avoid the single kernel thread.
>
> Seems to me like that'd be a good fit for embedded devices.
```

I proposed to use delayed workqueues (schedule\_delayed\_work()).

```
> > +#define FREEZER_KH_PREFIX "freezer_"
> > +static int freezer_write_param(struct cgroup *cgroup, struct cftype *cft,
> > + u64 val)
> > +{
> > + struct freezer *freezer;
> > + char thread_name[32];
> > + int ret = 0;
> > +
> > + freezer = cgroup_freezer(cgroup);
> > +
> > + if (!cgroup_lock_live_group(cgroup))
```

```
> > + return -ENODEV;
> > +
> > + switch (cft->private) {
> > + case FREEZER_DUTY_RATIO:
> > + if (val >= 100 || val < 0) {
> > +   ret = -EINVAL;
> > +   goto exit;
> > +
> > +   freezer->duty.ratio = val;
>
> Why can't val == 100? At that point it's always THAWED and no kernel
> thread is necessary (just like at 0 it's always FROZEN and no kernel
> thread is necessary).
```

val == 100 is interface abuse, I think. I just turn off the feature, if you want.

```
> > static struct ctype files[] = {
> > {
> >   .name = "state",
> >   .read_seq_string = freezer_read,
> >   .write_string = freezer_write,
>
> It's not clear what should happen when userspace writes the state
> file after writing a duty_ratio_pct.
```

It should return -EBUSY, I think.

```
> > },
> > +
> > + {
> > +   .name = "duty_ratio_pct",
> > +   .private = FREEZER_DUTY_RATIO,
> > +   .read_u64 = freezer_read_duty_ratio,
> > +   .write_u64 = freezer_write_param,
> > + },
>
> nit: Why use a u64 for a value that can only be 0-100? (or perhaps
> 0-1000 if you wanted sub-1% granularity...)
```

.read\_u64/.write\_u64 is a standard cgroup's interface.

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