

---

Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/5] blk-throttle: track buffered and anonymous pages  
Posted by [Vivek Goyal](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 00:07:19 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

On Wed, Feb 23, 2011 at 12:05:34AM +0100, Andrea Righi wrote:

> On Tue, Feb 22, 2011 at 04:00:30PM -0500, Vivek Goyal wrote:

> > On Tue, Feb 22, 2011 at 06:12:55PM +0100, Andrea Righi wrote:

> > > Add the tracking of buffered (writeback) and anonymous pages.

> > >

> > > Dirty pages in the page cache can be processed asynchronously by the

> > > per-bdi flusher kernel threads or by any other thread in the system,

> > > according to the writeback policy.

> > >

> > > For this reason the real writes to the underlying block devices may

> > > occur in a different IO context respect to the task that originally

> > > generated the dirty pages involved in the IO operation. This makes

> > > the tracking and throttling of writeback IO more complicate respect to

> > > the synchronous IO from the blkio controller's point of view.

> > >

> > > The idea is to save the cgroup owner of each anonymous page and dirty

> > > page in page cache. A page is associated to a cgroup the first time it

> > > is dirtied in memory (for file cache pages) or when it is set as

> > > swap-backed (for anonymous pages). This information is stored using the

> > > page\_cgroup functionality.

> > >

> > > Then, at the block layer, it is possible to retrieve the throttle group

> > > looking at the bio\_page(bio). If the page was not explicitly associated

> > > to any cgroup the IO operation is charged to the current task/cgroup, as

> > > it was done by the previous implementation.

> > >

> > > Signed-off-by: Andrea Righi <[arighi@develer.com](mailto:arighi@develer.com)>

> > > ---

> > > block/blk-throttle.c | 87 ++++++

> > > include/linux/blkdev.h | 26 ++++++

> > > 2 files changed, 111 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)

> > >

> > > diff --git a/block/blk-throttle.c b/block/blk-throttle.c

> > > index 9ad3d1e..a50ee04 100644

> > > --- a/block/blk-throttle.c

> > > +++ b/block/blk-throttle.c

> > > @@ -8,6 +8,10 @@

> > > #include <linux/slab.h>

> > > #include <linux/blkdev.h>

> > > #include <linux/bio.h>

> > > +#include <linux/memcontrol.h>

> > > +#include <linux/mm\_inline.h>

> > > +#include <linux/pagemap.h>

> > > +#include <linux/page\_cgroup.h>

```

>>> #include <linux/blktrace_api.h>
>>> #include <linux/blk-cgroup.h>
>>>
>>> @@ -221,6 +225,85 @@ done:
>>>     return tg;
>>> }
>>>
>>> +static inline bool is_kernel_io(void)
>>> +{
>>> + return !!(current->flags & (PF_KTHREAD | PF_KSWAPD | PF_MEMALLOC));
>>> +}
>>> +
>>> +static int throtl_set_page_owner(struct page *page, struct mm_struct *mm)
>>> +{
>>> + struct blkio_cgroup *blkcg;
>>> + unsigned short id = 0;
>>> +
>>> + if (blkio_cgroup_disabled())
>>> + return 0;
>>> + if (!mm)
>>> + goto out;
>>> + rcu_read_lock();
>>> + blkcg = task_to_blkio_cgroup(rcu_dereference(mm->owner));
>>> + if (likely(blkcg))
>>> + id = css_id(&blkcg->css);
>>> + rcu_read_unlock();
>>> +out:
>>> + return page_cgroup_set_owner(page, id);
>>> +}
>>> +
>>> +int blk_throtl_set_anonpage_owner(struct page *page, struct mm_struct *mm)
>>> +{
>>> + return throtl_set_page_owner(page, mm);
>>> +}
>>> +EXPORT_SYMBOL(blk_throtl_set_anonpage_owner);
>>> +
>>> +int blk_throtl_set_filepage_owner(struct page *page, struct mm_struct *mm)
>>> +{
>>> + if (is_kernel_io() || !page_is_file_cache(page))
>>> + return 0;
>>> + return throtl_set_page_owner(page, mm);
>>> +}
>>> +EXPORT_SYMBOL(blk_throtl_set_filepage_owner);
>>
>> Why are we exporting all these symbols?
>
> Right. Probably a single one is enough:
>

```

```
> int blk_throtl_set_page_owner(struct page *page,  
> struct mm_struct *mm, bool anon);
```

Who is going to use this single export? Which module?

Thanks

Vivek

---

Containers mailing list

Containers@lists.linux-foundation.org

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

---