
Subject: Re: Optimizing resources from /proc/user_beancounters

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> I know this has probably been discussed ad nauseum, but I haven't found
> what I'm looking for yet, so I thought I would ask here.

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> I have been running OpenVZ for a few years, but in the last couple of weeks,

> I have noticed over the past couple of weeks that several VMs were getting

> out of spec settings, mainly dcache size growing too large.

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> These VMs started on a Debian openvz box, and as my virtual infrastructure

> grew, I started using a pair of proxmox-ve machines (which is Debian-lenny

> based as well), which are clustered.

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> I have 8 VMs that were created over time, some on 32-bit host machines, some

> on 64-bit. Thus, some have /proc/user_beancounters that look like:

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> 1: kmemsize          13775736
> 15028224          48811846          51254098          63446
>   lockedpages              0
> 447          393216          393216              0
>   privvmpages          15152
> 105895          426752          439252              0
>   shmpages              648
> 1304          21504          21504              0
>   dummy              0
> 0              0              0              0
>   numproc              47
> 72          240          240              0
>   physpages          166345
> 425143          0          2147483647              0
>   vmguarpages              0
> 0          426752          2147483647              0
>   oomguarpages          6374
> 97683          426752          2147483647              0
>   numtcpsock          44
> 48          360          360              0
>   numflock              1
> 7          188          206              0
>   numpty              0
> 2          16          16              0
>   numsiginfo          1
> 27          256          256              0
>   tcpsndbuf          525744
> 1026352          4212558          6014798              0
>   tcprcvbuf          524552
> 3052984          4212558          6014798              0
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> othersockbuf 46240
> 65808 1126080 2097152 0
> dgramrcvbuf 0
> 101600 262144 262144 0
> numothersock 75
> 82 360 360 0
> dcachesize 9997638
> 10000000 8000000 10000000 0
> numfile 508
> 695 9312 9312 0
> dummy 0
> 0 0 0 0
> dummy 0
> 0 0 0 0
> dummy 0
> 0 0 0 0
> numiptent 20
> 20 128 128 0
>
> While others have effectively unlimited barrier and limit settings:
>
> 7: kmemsize 93292551 107253760
> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
> lockedpages 0
> 16 393216 393216 0
> privvmpages 299033
> 413214 524288 536788 0
> shmpages 68 724
> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
> dummy 0
> 0 0 0 0
> numproc 86
> 108 1024 1024 0
> physpages 321589
> 496217 0 9223372036854775807 0
> vmguarpages 0
> 0 524288 9223372036854775807 0
> oomguarpages 155305
> 180405 524288 9223372036854775807 0
> numtcpsock 13 17
> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
> numflock 3 9
> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
> numpty 0
> 2 255 255 0
> numsiginfo 1
> 15 1024 1024 0
> tcpsndbuf 226720 329312

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> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
> tcprcvbuf 277072 5662864
> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
> othersockbuf 43928 66680
> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
> dgramrcvbuf 0 5648
> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
> numothersock 63 69
> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
> dcachesize 88045648 101016538
> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
> numfile 360 605
> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
> dummy 0
> 0 0 0 0
> dummy 0
> 0 0 0 0
> dummy 0
> 0 0 0 0
> numiptent 20 20
> 9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807 0
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> I have three questions. First, I know that leaving everything unlimited is a
> quick path to running out of resources on the host machine. That said, I've
> been having troubles recently with the VMs with "normal" settings. It
> started out with dcachesize going out of spec, which, when I adjusted it,
> within an hour, I started getting out of memory errors, requiring me to up
> the kmemsize...This then caused problems on another "normal" VM, and so
> forth.
>
> As I said, I know setting everything to unlimited is probably not
> recommended, so what is the recommended way to set the proper values for
> user_beancounters? Every time I change values in user_beancounters,
> something else comes unglued, except for the ones that have unlimited
> kmemsize and dcachesize.
>
> Is there a tool to set up the values based on the use of the particular VM?
> Is there any more information I need to provide?
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> Thanks,
> --b
Try using vzsplint to segment your VE's equally, start there and
increase/decrease resources per the demand of each VE. Once you
adjust your config conf files, use vzcfgvalidate to ensure your beans
are adjusted properly.

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Good luck.

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