
Subject: [PATCH v3 05/28] memcg: Reclaim when more than one page needed.
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mem_cgroup_do_charge() was written before slab accounting, and expects three cases: being called for 1 page, being called for a stock of 32 pages, or being called for a hugepage. If we call for 2 pages (and several slabs used in process creation are such, at least with the debug options I had), it assumed it's being called for stock and just retried without reclaiming.

Fix that by passing down a minsize argument in addition to the csize.

And what to do about that (csize == PAGE_SIZE && ret) retry? If it's needed at all (and presumably is since it's there, perhaps to handle races), then it should be extended to more than PAGE_SIZE, yet how far? And should there be a retry count limit, of what? For now retry up to COSTLY_ORDER (as page_alloc.c does), stay safe with a cond_resched(), and make sure not to do it if __GFP_NORETRY.

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mm/memcontrol.c | 18 ++++++-----
1 files changed, 11 insertions(+), 7 deletions(-)

diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c

index 248d80b..47d3979 100644

--- a/mm/memcontrol.c

+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c

@@ -2187,7 +2187,8 @@ enum {
};

static int mem_cgroup_do_charge(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t gfp_mask,

- unsigned int nr_pages, bool oom_check)

+ unsigned int nr_pages, unsigned int min_pages,

+ bool oom_check)

{
 unsigned long csize = nr_pages * PAGE_SIZE;

struct mem_cgroup *mem_over_limit;

@@ -2210,18 +2211,18 @@ static int mem_cgroup_do_charge(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
gfp_t gfp_mask,

} else

mem_over_limit = mem_cgroup_from_res_counter(fail_res, res);

/*

- * nr_pages can be either a huge page (HPAGE_PMD_NR), a batch

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- * of regular pages (CHARGE_BATCH), or a single regular page (1).
- *
  * Never reclaim on behalf of optional batching, retry with a
  * single page instead.
  */
- if (nr_pages == CHARGE_BATCH)
+ if (nr_pages > min_pages)
  return CHARGE_RETRY;

  if (!(gfp_mask & __GFP_WAIT))
    return CHARGE_WOULDBLOCK;

+ if (gfp_mask & __GFP_NORETRY)
+ return CHARGE_NOMEM;
+
  ret = mem_cgroup_reclaim(mem_over_limit, gfp_mask, flags);
  if (mem_cgroup_margin(mem_over_limit) >= nr_pages)
    return CHARGE_RETRY;
@@ -2234,8 +2235,10 @@ static int mem_cgroup_do_charge(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t
gfp_mask,
  * unlikely to succeed so close to the limit, and we fall back
  * to regular pages anyway in case of failure.
  */
- if (nr_pages == 1 && ret)
+ if (nr_pages <= (PAGE_SIZE << PAGE_ALLOC_COSTLY_ORDER) && ret) {
+ cond_resched();
  return CHARGE_RETRY;
+ }

  /*
  * At task move, charge accounts can be doubly counted. So, it's
  @@ -2369,7 +2372,8 @@ again:
  nr_oom_retries = MEM_CGROUP_RECLAIM_RETRIES;
  }

- ret = mem_cgroup_do_charge(memcg, gfp_mask, batch, oom_check);
+ ret = mem_cgroup_do_charge(memcg, gfp_mask, batch, nr_pages,
+ oom_check);
  switch (ret) {
  case CHARGE_OK:
    break;
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