
Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 00/28] kmem limitation for memcg
Posted by [Frederic Weisbecker](#) on Thu, 07 Jun 2012 14:00:45 GMT
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On Thu, Jun 07, 2012 at 02:53:07PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

> On 06/07/2012 02:26 PM, Frederic Weisbecker wrote:

> > On Fri, May 25, 2012 at 05:03:20PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

> > > Hello All,

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> > > This is my new take for the memcg kmem accounting. This should merge

> > > all of the previous comments from you, plus fix a bunch of bugs.

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> > > At this point, I consider the series pretty mature. Since last submission

> > > 2 weeks ago, I focused on broadening the testing coverage. Some bugs were

> > > fixed, but that of course doesn't mean no bugs exist.

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> > > I believe some of the early patches here are already in some trees around.

> > > I don't know who should pick this, so if everyone agrees with what's in here,

> > > please just ack them and tell me which tree I should aim for (-mm? Hockos's?)

> > > and I'll rebase it.

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> > > I should point out again that most, if not all, of the code in the caches

> > > are wrapped in static_key areas, meaning they will be completely patched out

> > > until the first limit is set. Enabling and disabling of static_keys incorporate

> > > the last fixes for sock memcg, and should be pretty robust.

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> > > I also put a lot of effort, as you will all see, in the proper separation

> > > of the patches, so the review process is made as easy as the complexity of

> > > the work allows to.

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> > So I believe that if I want to implement a per kernel stack accounting/limitation,

> > I need to work on top of your patchset.

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> > What do you think about having some sub kmem accounting based on the caches?

> > For example there could be a specific accounting per kmem cache.

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> > Like if we use a specific kmem cache to allocate the kernel stack

> > (as is done by some archs but I can generalize that for those who want

> > kernel stack accounting), allocations are accounted globally in the memcg as

> > done in your patchset but also on a separate counter only for this kmem cache

> > on the memcg, resulting in a kmem.stack.usage somewhere.

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> > The concept of per kmem cache accounting can be expanded more for any

> > kind of finegrained kmem accounting.

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> > Thoughts?

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> I believe a general separation is too much, and will lead to knob

> explosion. So I don't think it is a good idea.

Right. This could be an option in `kmem_cache_create()` or something.

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> Now, for the stack itself, it can be justified. The question that

> remains to be answered is:

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> Why do you need to set the stack value separately? Isn't accounting

> the stack value, and limiting against the global `kmem` limit enough?

Well, I may want to let my container have a full access to some `kmem` resources (net, file, etc...) but defend against fork bombs or `NR_PROC` rlimit exhaustion of other containers.

So I need to be able to set my limit precisely on `kstack`.
