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Subject: Re: [PATCH v4 23/25] memcg: propagate kmem limiting information to children

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Wed, 20 Jun 2012 08:59:46 GMT

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On 06/19/2012 12:54 PM, Glauber Costa wrote:

> On 06/19/2012 12:35 PM, Glauber Costa wrote:

>> On 06/19/2012 04:16 AM, Kamezawa Hiroyuki wrote:

>>> (2012/06/18 21:43), Glauber Costa wrote:

>>>> On 06/18/2012 04:37 PM, Kamezawa Hiroyuki wrote:

>>>>> (2012/06/18 19:28), Glauber Costa wrote:

>>>>>> The current memcg slab cache management fails to present satisfactory hierarchical  
>>>>>> behavior in the following scenario:

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>>>>>> -> /cgroups/memory/A/B/C

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>>>>>> \* kmem limit set at A

>>>>>> \* A and B empty taskwise

>>>>>> \* bash in C does find /

>>>>>>

>>>>>> Because kmem\_accounted is a boolean that was not set for C, no accounting

>>>>>> would be done. This is, however, not what we expect.

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>>>>>

>>>>> Hmm....do we need this new routines even while we have mem\_cgroup\_iter() ?

>>>>>

>>>>> Doesn't this work ?

>>>>>

>>>>> struct mem\_cgroup {

>>>>> .....

>>>>> bool kmem\_accounted\_this;

>>>>> atomic\_t kmem\_accounted;

>>>>> ....

>>>>> }

>>>>>

>>>>> at set limit

>>>>>

>>>>> ....set\_limit(memcg) {

>>>>>

>>>>> if (newly accounted) {

>>>>> mem\_cgroup\_iter() {

>>>>> atomic\_inc(&iter->kmem\_accounted)

>>>>> }

>>>>> } else {

>>>>> mem\_cgroup\_iter() {

>>>>> atomic\_dec(&iter->kmem\_accounted);

>>>>> }

>>>>> }

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>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>> hm ? Then, you can see kmem is accounted or not by
atomic_read(&memcg->kmem_accounted);
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>> Accounted by itself / parent is still useful, and I see no reason to use
>>>>> an atomic + bool if we can use a pair of bits.
>>>>>
>>>>> As for the routine, I guess mem_cgroup_iter will work... It does a lot
>>>>> more than I need, but for the sake of using what's already in there, I
>>>>> can switch to it with no problems.
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>> Hmm. please start from reusing existing routines.
>>>>> If it's not enough, some enhancement for generic cgroup will be welcomed
>>>>> rather than completely new one only for memcg.
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>> And now that I am trying to adapt the code to the new function, I
>>>>> remember clearly why I done this way. Sorry for my failed memory.
>>>>>
>>>>> That has to do with the order of the walk. I need to enforce hierarchy,
>>>>> which means whenever a cgroup has !use_hierarchy, I need to cut out that
>>>>> branch, but continue scanning the tree for other branches.
>>>>>
>>>>> That is a lot easier to do with depth-search tree walks like the one
>>>>> proposed in this patch. for_each_mem_cgroup() seems to walk the tree in
>>>>> css-creation order. Which means we need to keep track of parents that
>>>>> has hierarchy disabled at all times ( can be many ), and always test for
>>>>> ancestorship - which is expensive, but I don't particularly care.
>>>>>
>>>>> But I'll give another shot with this one.
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>> Humm, silly me. I was believing the hierarchical settings to be more
>>>>> flexible than they really are.
>>>>>
>>>>> I thought that it could be possible for a children of a parent with
>>>>> use_hierarchy = 1 to have use_hierarchy = 0.
>>>>>
>>>>> It seems not to be the case. This makes my life a lot easier.
>>>>>
>>>>>

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How about the following patch?

It is still expensive in the clear\_bit case, because I can't just walk the whole tree flipping the bit down: I need to stop whenever I see a

branch whose root is itself accounted - and the ordering of iter forces me to always check the tree up (So we got  $O(n \cdot h)$   $h$  being height instead of  $O(n)$ ).

for flipping the bit up, it is easy enough.

## File Attachments

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1)

[0001-memcg-propagate-kmem-limiting-information-to-children.patch](#), downloaded 710 times

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