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Subject: Re: Fork bomb limitation in memcg WAS: Re: [PATCH 00/11] kmem controller for memcg: stripped down ve

Posted by [Frederic Weisbecker](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2012 12:35:47 GMT

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On Wed, Jun 27, 2012 at 04:28:14PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

> On 06/27/2012 04:29 PM, Frederic Weisbecker wrote:

> > On Wed, Jun 27, 2012 at 01:29:04PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

> > > On 06/27/2012 01:55 AM, Andrew Morton wrote:

> > > > I can't speak for everybody here, but AFAIK, tracking the stack through

> > > > the memory it used, therefore using my proposed kmem controller, was an

> > > > idea that good quite a bit of traction with the memcg/memory people.

> > > > So here you have something that people already asked a lot for, in a

> > > > shape and interface that seem to be acceptable.

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> > > mm, maybe. Kernel developers tend to look at code from the point of

> > > view "does it work as designed", "is it clean", "is it efficient", "do

> > > I understand it", etc. We often forget to step back and really

> > > consider whether or not it should be merged at all.

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> > > I mean, unless the code is an explicit simplification, we should have

> > > a very strong bias towards "don't merge".

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> > > Well, simplifications are welcome - this series itself was

> > > simplified beyond what I thought initially possible through the

> > > valuable comments

> > > of other people.

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> > > But of course, this adds more complexity to the kernel as a whole.

> > > And this is true to every single new feature we may add, now or in

> > > the

> > > future.

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> > > What I can tell you about this particular one, is that the justification

> > > for it doesn't come out of nowhere, but from a rather real use case that

> > > we support and maintain in OpenVZ and our line of products for years.

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> > > Right and we really need a solution to protect against forkbombs in LXC.

> Small correction: In containers. LXC is not the only one out there =p

Sure. I was just speaking for the specific project I'm working on :)

But I'm definitely interested in solutions that work for everyone in containers in general. And if Openvz is also interested in forkbombs protection that's even better.

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