
Subject: Re: [PATCH v2 07/11] mm: Allocate kernel pages to the right memcg
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2012 16:42:01 GMT
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On 08/09/2012 08:33 PM, Greg Thelen wrote:

> On Thu, Aug 09 2012, Glauber Costa wrote:

>
>> When a process tries to allocate a page with the `__GFP_KMEMCG` flag, the
>> page allocator will call the corresponding memcg functions to validate
>> the allocation. Tasks in the root memcg can always proceed.
>>
>> To avoid adding markers to the page - and a kmem flag that would
>> necessarily follow, as much as doing `page_cgroup` lookups for no reason,
>> whoever is marking its allocations with `__GFP_KMEMCG` flag is responsible
>> for telling the page allocator that this is such an allocation at
>> `free_pages()` time. This is done by the invocation of
>> `__free_accounted_pages()` and `free_accounted_pages()`.
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>> ---
>> include/linux/gfp.h | 3 +++
>> mm/page_alloc.c | 38 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
>> 2 files changed, 41 insertions(+)
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>> diff --git a/include/linux/gfp.h b/include/linux/gfp.h
>> index d8eae4d..029570f 100644
>> --- a/include/linux/gfp.h
>> +++ b/include/linux/gfp.h
>> @@ -370,6 +370,9 @@ extern void free_pages(unsigned long addr, unsigned int order);
>> extern void free_hot_cold_page(struct page *page, int cold);
>> extern void free_hot_cold_page_list(struct list_head *list, int cold);
>>
>> +extern void __free_accounted_pages(struct page *page, unsigned int order);
>> +extern void free_accounted_pages(unsigned long addr, unsigned int order);
>> +
>> #define __free_page(page) __free_pages((page), 0)
>> #define free_page(addr) free_pages((addr), 0)
>>
>> diff --git a/mm/page_alloc.c b/mm/page_alloc.c
>> index b956cec..da341dc 100644
>> --- a/mm/page_alloc.c
>> +++ b/mm/page_alloc.c

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>> @@ -2532,6 +2532,7 @@ __alloc_pages_nodemask(gfp_t gfp_mask, unsigned int order,
>> struct page *page = NULL;
>> int migratetype = allocflags_to_migratetype(gfp_mask);
>> unsigned int cpuset_mems_cookie;
>> + void *handle = NULL;
>>
>> gfp_mask &= gfp_allowed_mask;
>>
>> @@ -2543,6 +2544,13 @@ __alloc_pages_nodemask(gfp_t gfp_mask, unsigned int order,
>> return NULL;
>>
>> /*
>> + * Will only have any effect when __GFP_KMEMCG is set.
>> + * This is verified in the (always inline) callee
>> + */
>> + if (!memcg_kmem_new_page(gfp_mask, &handle, order))
>> + return NULL;
>> +
>> + /*
>> * Check the zones suitable for the gfp_mask contain at least one
>> * valid zone. It's possible to have an empty zonelist as a result
>> * of GFP_THISNODE and a memoryless node
>
> If memcg_kmem_new_page() succeeds then it may have obtained a memcg
> reference with mem_cgroup_get(). I think this reference is leaked when
> returning below:
>
> /*
> * Check the zones suitable for the gfp_mask contain at least one
> * valid zone. It's possible to have an empty zonelist as a result
> * of GFP_THISNODE and a memoryless node
> */
> if (unlikely(!zonelist->_zonerefs->zone))
> return NULL;
>
> I suspect the easiest fix is to swap the call to memcg_kmem_new_page()
> and the (!zonelist->_zonerefs->zone) check.
>
You are right, indeed.

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