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Subject: Re: [PATCH v2 04/11] kmem accounting basic infrastructure  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2012 08:36:51 GMT  
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On 08/10/2012 09:02 PM, Kamezawa Hiroyuki wrote:

> (2012/08/09 22:01), Glauber Costa wrote:

>> This patch adds the basic infrastructure for the accounting of the slab  
>> caches. To control that, the following files are created:

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>> \* memory.kmem.usage\_in\_bytes

>> \* memory.kmem.limit\_in\_bytes

>> \* memory.kmem.failcnt

>> \* memory.kmem.max\_usage\_in\_bytes

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>> They have the same meaning of their user memory counterparts. They  
>> reflect the state of the "kmem" res\_counter.

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>> The code is not enabled until a limit is set. This can be tested by the  
>> flag "kmem\_accounted". This means that after the patch is applied, no  
>> behavioral changes exists for whoever is still using memcg to control  
>> their memory usage.

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>> We always account to both user and kernel resource\_counters. This  
>> effectively means that an independent kernel limit is in place when the  
>> limit is set to a lower value than the user memory. A equal or higher  
>> value means that the user limit will always hit first, meaning that kmem  
>> is effectively unlimited.

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>> People who want to track kernel memory but not limit it, can set this  
>> limit to a very high number (like RESOURCE\_MAX - 1page - that no one  
>> will ever hit, or equal to the user memory)

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> Could you add a patch for documentation of this new interface and a text  
> explaining the behavior of "kmem\_accounting" ?

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> Hm, my concern is the difference of behavior between user page accounting and  
> kmem accounting...but this is how tcp-accounting is working.

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> Once you add Documentation, it's okay to add my Ack.

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I plan to add documentation in a separate patch. Due to that, can I add  
your ack to this patch here?

Also, I find that the description text in patch0 grew to be quite informative and complete. I plan to add that to the documentation if that is ok with you

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