
Subject: Re: [PATCH v2 09/11] memcg: propagate kmem limiting information to children

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Fri, 17 Aug 2012 10:39:23 GMT

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On 08/17/2012 02:35 PM, Michal Hocko wrote:

> On Fri 17-08-12 14:07:00, Glauber Costa wrote:

>> On 08/17/2012 01:35 PM, Michal Hocko wrote:

>>>> Above you said "Once enabled, can't be disabled." and now you can
>>>>> disable it? Say you are a leaf group with non accounted parents. This
>>>>> will clear the flag and so no further accounting is done. Shouldn't
>>>>> unlimited mean that we will never reach the limit? Or am I missing
>>>>> something?

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>>>> You are missing something, and maybe I should be more clear about that.

>>>> The static branches can't be disabled (it is only safe to disable them
>>>> from disarm_static_branches(), when all references are gone). Note that
>>>> when unlimited, we flip bits, do a transversal, but there is no mention
>>>> to the static branch.

>>> My little brain still doesn't get this. I wasn't concerned about static
>>> branches. I was worried about memcg_can_account_kmem which will return
>>> false now, doesn't it.

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>> Yes, it will. If I got you right, you are concerned because I said that
>> can't happen. But it will.

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>> But I never said that can't happen. I said (ok, I meant) the static
>> branches can't be disabled.

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> Ok, then I misunderstood that because the comment was there even before
> static branches were introduced and it made sense to me. This is
> inconsistent with what we do for user accounting because even if we set
> limit to unlimited we still account. Why should we differ here?

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There is another thing as well. Mel was right in his comment: I am
actually abusing this bit (because it is flippable), and it seems the
static branch can be updated more than once...

I'll merge your comments, and fix this.
