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Subject: [PATCH v4 11/14] memcg: allow a memcg with kmem charges to be destroyed.

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Because the ultimate goal of the kmem tracking in memcg is to track slab pages as well, we can't guarantee that we'll always be able to point a page to a particular process, and migrate the charges along with it - since in the common case, a page will contain data belonging to multiple processes.

Because of that, when we destroy a memcg, we only make sure the destruction will succeed by discounting the kmem charges from the user charges when we try to empty the cgroup.

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mm/memcontrol.c | 17 ++++++

1 file changed, 16 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)

diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c

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--- a/mm/memcontrol.c

+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c

@@ -546,6 +546,11 @@ static void disarm\_kmem\_keys(struct mem\_cgroup \*memcg)

```
{
    if (memcg_kmem_is_active(memcg))
        static_key_slow_dec(&memcg_kmem_enabled_key);
+ /*
```

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+ * This check can't live in kmem destruction function,
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+ * since the charges will outlive the cgroup
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+ */
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```
+ WARN_ON(res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE) != 0);
```

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}
```

```
#else
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static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
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@@ -3994,6 +3999,7 @@ static int mem_cgroup_force_empty(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, bool
free_all)
```

```
int node, zid, shrink;
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int nr_retries = MEM_CGROUP_RECLAIM_RETRIES;
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```
struct cgroup *cgrp = memcg->css.cgroup;
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+ u64 usage;
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css_get(&memcg->css);

@@ -4027,8 +4033,17 @@ move_account:
    mem_cgroup_end_move(memcg);
    memcg_oom_recover(memcg);
    cond_resched();
+ /*
+  * Kernel memory may not necessarily be trackable to a specific
+  * process. So they are not migrated, and therefore we can't
+  * expect their value to drop to 0 here.
+  *
+  * having res filled up with kmem only is enough
+  */
+ usage = res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->res, RES_USAGE) -
+ res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE);
+ /* "ret" should also be checked to ensure all lists are empty. */
- } while (res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->res, RES_USAGE) > 0 || ret);
+ } while (usage > 0 || ret);
out:
    css_put(&memcg->css);
    return ret;
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