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Subject: Re: [PATCH v5 04/14] kmem accounting basic infrastructure  
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On Tue, 16 Oct 2012, Glauber Costa wrote:

> This patch adds the basic infrastructure for the accounting of kernel  
> memory. To control that, the following files are created:  
>  
> \* memory.kmem.usage\_in\_bytes  
> \* memory.kmem.limit\_in\_bytes  
> \* memory.kmem.failcnt  
> \* memory.kmem.max\_usage\_in\_bytes  
>  
> They have the same meaning of their user memory counterparts. They  
> reflect the state of the "kmem" res\_counter.  
>  
> Per cgroup kmem memory accounting is not enabled until a limit is set  
> for the group. Once the limit is set the accounting cannot be disabled  
> for that group. This means that after the patch is applied, no  
> behavioral changes exists for whoever is still using memcg to control  
> their memory usage, until memory.kmem.limit\_in\_bytes is set for the  
> first time.  
>  
> 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.  
>  
> 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)  
>  
> [ v4: make kmem files part of the main array;  
>     do not allow limit to be set for non-empty cgroups ]  
> [ v5: cosmetic changes ]  
>  
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> mm/memcontrol.c | 116  
+++++  
> 1 file changed, 115 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)  
>

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> diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
> index 71d259e..30eafeb 100644
> --- a/mm/memcontrol.c
> +++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
> @@ -266,6 +266,10 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
> };
>
> /*
> + * the counter to account for kernel memory usage.
> + */
> + struct res_counter kmem;
> + /*
> + * Per cgroup active and inactive list, similar to the
> + * per zone LRU lists.
> + */
> @@ -280,6 +284,7 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
> + * Should the accounting and control be hierarchical, per subtree?
> + */
> + bool use_hierarchy;
> + unsigned long kmem_accounted; /* See KMEM_ACCOUNTED_*, below */

```

I think this should be named `kmem_account_flags` or `kmem_flags`, otherwise it appears that this is the actual account.

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>
> bool oom_lock;
> atomic_t under_oom;
> @@ -332,6 +337,20 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
> #endif
> };
>
> +/* internal only representation about the status of kmem accounting. */
> +enum {
> + KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE = 0, /* accounted by this cgroup itself */
> +};
> +
> +#define KMEM_ACCOUNTED_MASK (1 << KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE)
> +
> +#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM

```

`memcg->kmem_accounted` isn't only defined for this configuration, so would it be simpler to define this unconditionally?

```

> +static void memcg_kmem_set_active(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)

```

inline?

```

> +{

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> + set_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
> +}
> +#endif
> +
> /* Stuffs for move charges at task migration. */
> /*
>  * Types of charges to be moved. "move_charge_at_immitgrate" is treated as a
>  @@ -390,6 +409,7 @@ enum res_type {
>  _MEM,
>  _MEMSWAP,
>  _OOM_TYPE,
> + _KMEM,
>  };
>
> #define MEMFILE_PRIVATE(x, val) ((x) << 16 | (val))
> @@ -1433,6 +1453,10 @@ done:
>  res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->memsw, RES_USAGE) >> 10,
>  res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->memsw, RES_LIMIT) >> 10,
>  res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->memsw, RES_FAILCNT));
> + printk(KERN_INFO "kmem: usage %lluKB, limit %lluKB, failcnt %llu\n",
> + res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE) >> 10,
> + res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_LIMIT) >> 10,
> + res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_FAILCNT));
>  }
>
> /*
>  @@ -3940,6 +3964,9 @@ static ssize_t mem_cgroup_read(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype
>  *cft,
>  else
>  val = res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->memsw, name);
>  break;
> + case _KMEM:
> + val = res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, name);
> + break;
>  default:
>  BUG();
>  }
>  @@ -3947,6 +3974,57 @@ static ssize_t mem_cgroup_read(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype
>  *cft,
>  len = scnprintf(str, sizeof(str), "%llu\n", (unsigned long long)val);
>  return simple_read_from_buffer(buf, nbytes, ppos, str, len);
>  }
> +
> +static int memcg_update_kmem_limit(struct cgroup *cont, u64 val)
> +{
> + int ret = -EINVAL;
> +#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
> + struct mem_cgroup *memcg = mem_cgroup_from_cont(cont);

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> + /*
> + * For simplicity, we won't allow this to be disabled. It also can't
> + * be changed if the cgroup has children already, or if tasks had
> + * already joined.
> + *
> + * If tasks join before we set the limit, a person looking at
> + * kmem.usage_in_bytes will have no way to determine when it took
> + * place, which makes the value quite meaningless.
> + *
> + * After it first became limited, changes in the value of the limit are
> + * of course permitted.
> + *
> + * Taking the cgroup_lock is really offensive, but it is so far the only
> + * way to guarantee that no children will appear. There are plenty of
> + * other offenders, and they should all go away. Fine grained locking
> + * is probably the way to go here. When we are fully hierarchical, we
> + * can also get rid of the use_hierarchy check.

```

Not sure it's so offensive, it's a pretty standard way of ensuring that cont->children doesn't get manipulated in a race.

```

> + */
> + cgroup_lock();
> + mutex_lock(&set_limit_mutex);
> + if (!memcg->kmem_accounted && val != RESOURCE_MAX) {
> +   if (cgroup_task_count(cont) || (memcg->use_hierarchy &&
> +     !list_empty(&cont->children))) {
> +     ret = -EBUSY;
> +     goto out;
> +   }
> +   ret = res_counter_set_limit(&memcg->kmem, val);
> +   VM_BUG_ON(ret);
> +
> +   memcg_kmem_set_active(memcg);
> + } else
> +   ret = res_counter_set_limit(&memcg->kmem, val);
> +out:
> + mutex_unlock(&set_limit_mutex);
> + cgroup_unlock();
> + #endif
> + return ret;
> + }
> +
> + static void memcg_propagate_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
> +   struct mem_cgroup *parent)
> + {
> +   memcg->kmem_accounted = parent->kmem_accounted;
> + }

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> +
> /*
>  * The user of this function is...
>  * RES_LIMIT.
> @@ -3978,8 +4056,12 @@ static int mem_cgroup_write(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype *cft,
>     break;
>     if (type == _MEM)
>         ret = mem_cgroup_resize_limit(memcg, val);
> - else
> + else if (type == _MEMSWAP)
>     ret = mem_cgroup_resize_memsw_limit(memcg, val);
> + else if (type == _KMEM)
> +     ret = memcg_update_kmem_limit(cont, val);
> + else
> +     return -EINVAL;

```

I like how this is done in a maintainable way to ensure no other types can inadvertently update the memsw limit as it was previously written. All other returns of -EINVAL just cause the switch statement to break, though, rather than return directly.

```

>     break;
>     case RES_SOFT_LIMIT:
>         ret = res_counter_memparse_write_strategy(buffer, &val);
> @@ -4045,12 +4127,16 @@ static int mem_cgroup_reset(struct cgroup *cont, unsigned int
> event)
>     case RES_MAX_USAGE:
>         if (type == _MEM)
>             res_counter_reset_max(&memcg->res);
> +     else if (type == _KMEM)
> +         res_counter_reset_max(&memcg->kmem);

```

Could this be written in the same way above, i.e. check \_MEMSWAP to pass memcg->memsw, \_KMEM for memcg->kmem, etc?

```

>     else
>         res_counter_reset_max(&memcg->memsw);
>     break;
>     case RES_FAILCNT:
>         if (type == _MEM)
>             res_counter_reset_failcnt(&memcg->res);
> +     else if (type == _KMEM)
> +         res_counter_reset_failcnt(&memcg->kmem);

```

Same.