
Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 5/7] UBC: kernel memory accounting (core)

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> On Wed, 2006-08-16 at 11:47 -0700, Dave Hansen wrote:

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>> On Wed, 2006-08-16 at 19:40 +0400, Kirill Korotaev wrote:

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>>>--- ./include/linux/mm.h.kmemcore 2006-08-16 19:10:38.0000000000

>>>+0400

>>>+++ ./include/linux/mm.h 2006-08-16 19:10:51.0000000000 +0400

>>>@@ -274,8 +274,14 @@ struct page {

>>> unsigned int gfp_mask;

>>> unsigned long trace[8];

>>> #endif

>>>+#ifdef CONFIG_USER_RESOURCE

>>>+ union {

>>>+ struct user_beancounter *page_ub;

>>>+ } bc;

>>>+#endif

>>> };

>>

>> Is everybody OK with adding this accounting to the 'struct page'?

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> My preference would be to have container (I keep on saying container,
> but resource beancounter) pointer embeded in task, mm(not sure),
> address_space and anon_vma structures. This should allow us to track
> user land pages optimally. But for tracking kernel usage on behalf of
> user, we will have to use an additional field (unless we can re-use
> mapping). Please correct me if I'm wrong, though all the kernel
> resources will be allocated/freed in context of a user process. And at
> that time we know if a allocation should succeed or not. So we may
> actually not need to track kernel pages that closely. We are not going
> to run reclaim on any of them anyways.

objects are really allocated in process context

(except for TCP/IP and other softirqs which are done in arbitrary
process context!)

And objects are not always freed in correct context (!).

Note, page_ub is not for _user_ pages. user pages accounting will be added
in next patch set. page_ub is added to track kernel allocations.

Kirill
