Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [RFC][PATCH 2/7] UBC: core (structures, API) Posted by Matt Helsley on Sat, 19 Aug 2006 02:38:36 GMT

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On Fri, 2006-08-18 at 15:36 +0400, Kirill Korotaev wrote:
> Matt Helsley wrote:
<snip>
>>>+ spin unlock irgrestore(&ub hash lock, flags);
>>>+ return;
> >>+ }
> >>+
>>>+ verify_held(ub);
>>>+ hlist_del(&ub->hash);
>>>+ spin_unlock_irgrestore(&ub_hash_lock, flags);
>>>+ kmem_cache_free(ub_cachep, ub);
> >>+
> >>+ ub = parent;
> >>+ if (ub != NULL)
>>>+ goto again;
> >
> >
>> Couldn't this be replaced by a do { } while (ub != NULL); loop?
> this is ugly from indentation POV. also restarts are frequently used everywhere...
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Then perhaps the body could be made into a small function or set of functions.

I know the retry pattern is common. Though, as I remember it the control flow was much more complex when goto was used for retry. Also, I seem to recall do {} while () has favorable properties that goto lacks when it comes to compiler optimization.

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<snip>
> >>+int charge_beancounter(struct user_beancounter *ub,
> >>+ int resource, unsigned long val, enum severity strict)
> >>+{
> >>+ int retval;
> >>+ struct user_beancounter *p, *q;
> >>+ unsigned long flags;
> >>+
> >>+ retval = -EINVAL;
> >>+ BUG_ON(val > UB_MAXVALUE);
> >>+
> >>+ local irg save(flags);
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>>
>> <factor>
>> 
>> + for (p = ub; p != NULL; p = p->parent) {
>>
>> Seems rather expensive to walk up the tree for every charge. Especially
>> if the administrator wants a fine degree of resource control and makes a
>> tall tree. This would be a problem especially when it comes to resources
>> that require frequent and fast allocation.
> in heirarchical accounting you always have to update all the nodes :/
> with flat UBC this doesn't introduce significant overhead.
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Except that you eventually have to lock ub0. Seems that the cache line for that spinlock could bounce quite a bit in such a hot path.

Chandra, doesn't Resource Groups avoid walking more than 1 level up the hierarchy in the "charge" paths?

```
>>>+ spin_lock(&p->ub_lock);
>>>+ retval = __charge_beancounter_locked(p, resource, val, strict);
>>>+ spin_unlock(&p->ub_lock);
>>>+ if (retval)
>>>+ goto unroll;
>>
>> This can be factored by passing a flag that breaks the loop on an error:
>>
>> if (retval && do_break_err)
>> return retval;
> how about uncharge here?
> didn't get your idea, sorry...
```

The only structural difference between this loop and another you have is the "break" here. I was saying that you could pass a parameter into the factored portion that tells it to return early if there is an error.

Cheers,
-Matt Helsley