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Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [PATCH 4/7] UBC: syscalls (user interface)

Posted by [Magnus Damm](#) on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 02:42:58 GMT

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On Fri, 2006-08-18 at 10:59 -0700, Rohit Seth wrote:

> On Fri, 2006-08-18 at 09:42 -0700, Andrew Morton wrote:

> > On Fri, 18 Aug 2006 07:45:48 -0700

> > Dave Hansen <haveblue@us.ibm.com> wrote:

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> > > On Fri, 2006-08-18 at 12:08 +0400, Andrey Savochkin wrote:

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> > > > A) Have separate memory management for each container,

> > > > with separate buddy allocator, lru lists, page replacement mechanism.

> > > > That implies a considerable overhead, and the main challenge there

> > > > is sharing of pages between these separate memory managers.

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> > > Hold on here for just a sec...

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> > > It is quite possible to do memory management aimed at one container

> > > while that container's memory still participates in the main VM.

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> > > There is overhead here, as the LRU scanning mechanisms get less

> > > efficient, but I'd rather pay a penalty at LRU scanning time than divide

> > > up the VM, or coarsely start failing allocations.

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> > I have this mad idea that you can divide a 128GB machine up into 256 fake

> > NUMA nodes, then you use each "node" as a 512MB unit of memory allocation.

> > So that 4.5GB job would be placed within an exclusive cpuset which has nine

> > "mems" (what are these called?) and voila: the job has a hard 4.5GB limit,

> > no kernel changes needed.

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> Sounds like an interesting idea. Will have to depend on something like

> memory hot-plug to get the things move around...

Yeah, moving things around: The pzone memory resource controller introduces dynamically sized zones if I remember correctly.

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