
Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [PATCH] BC: resource beancounters (v4)
(added user memory)

Posted by [Chandra Seetharaman](#) on Mon, 11 Sep 2006 19:42:05 GMT

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On Mon, 2006-09-11 at 12:10 -0700, Rohit Seth wrote:

> On Mon, 2006-09-11 at 11:25 -0700, Chandra Seetharaman wrote:

> > On Fri, 2006-09-08 at 14:43 -0700, Rohit Seth wrote:

> > <snip>

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> > > > Guarantee may be one of

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> > > > 1. container will be able to touch that number of pages

> > > > 2. container will be able to sys_mmap() that number of pages

> > > > 3. container will not be killed unless it touches that number of pages

> > > > 4. anything else

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> > > > I would say (1) with slight modification

> > > > "container will be able to touch _at least_ that number of pages"

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> > > Does this scheme support running of tasks outside of containers on the

> > > same platform where you have tasks running inside containers. If so

> > > then how will you ensure processes running out side any container will

> > > not leave less than the total guaranteed memory to different containers.

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> > There could be a default container which doesn't have any guarantee or

> > limit.

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> First, I think it is critical that we allow processes to run outside of

> any container (unless we know for sure that the penalty of running a

> process inside a container is very very minimal).

When I meant a default container I meant a default "resource group". In case of container that would be the default environment. I do not see any additional overhead associated with it, it is only associated with how resource are allocated/accounted.

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> And anything running outside a container should be limited by default

> Linux settings.

note that the resource available to the default RG will be (total system resource - allocated to RGs).

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> > When you create containers and assign guarantees to each of them

> > make sure that you leave some amount of resource unassigned.

> ^^^ This will force the "default" container
> with limits (indirectly). IMO, the whole guarantee feature gets defeated

You will have limits for the default RG even if we don't have guarantees.

> the moment you bring in this fuzziness.

Not really.

- Each RG will have a guarantee and limit of each resource.
- default RG will have (system resource - sum of guarantees)
- Every RG will be guaranteed some amount of resource to provide QoS
- Every RG will be limited at "limit" to prevent DoS attacks.
- Whoever doesn't care either of those set them to don't care values.

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> > That
> > unassigned resources can be used by the default container or can be used
> > by containers that want more than their guarantee (and less than their
> > limit). This is how CKRM/RG handles this issue.
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> It seems that a single notion of limit should suffice, and that limit
> should more be treated as something beyond which that resource
> consumption in the container will be throttled/not_allowed.

As I stated in an earlier email "Limit only" approach can prevent a system from DoS attacks (and also fits the container model nicely), whereas to provide QoS one would need guarantee.

Without guarantee, a RG that the admin cares about can starve if all/most of the other RGs consume upto their limits.

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