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Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Fri, 16 Dec 2011 12:29:09 GMT

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Subject: Re: [RFC] cgroup basic comounting  
 Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Fri, 16 Dec 2011 16:35:34 GMT  
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This is broken - it will silently ignore unknown/misspelled subsystems that are specified after a valid subsystem. Replacing the break with a continue is harmless but doesn't make sense - if the token already matched a subsystem name then it won't match any other subsystem.

What change are you actually trying to effect with this patch?

Paul

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Posted by [Li Zefan](#) on Mon, 19 Dec 2011 07:58:21 GMT  
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Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 19 Dec 2011 08:00:19 GMT

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Yeah, that patch was bogus, sorry for the noise.

What I should really have posted is the test code, but I guess I'll go over that one as well one more time, and then post it.

Thanks

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