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Subject: Re: [PATCH v2 02/13] memcg: Kernel memory accounting infrastructure.  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2012 12:38:26 GMT

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On 03/10/2012 12:39 AM, Suleiman Souhlal wrote:

```
> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR_KMEM
> +int
> +memcg_charge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t gfp, long long delta)
> +{
> + struct res_counter *fail_res;
> + struct mem_cgroup *_memcg;
> + int may_oom, ret;
> +
> + may_oom = (gfp & __GFP_WAIT) && (gfp & __GFP_FS) &&
> + !(gfp & __GFP_NORETRY);
> +
> + ret = 0;
> +
> + _memcg = memcg;
> + if (memcg && !mem_cgroup_test_flag(memcg,
> + MEMCG_INDEPENDENT_KMEM_LIMIT)) {
> + ret = __mem_cgroup_try_charge(NULL, gfp, delta / PAGE_SIZE,
> + &_amp;_memcg, may_oom);
> + if (ret == -ENOMEM)
> + return ret;
> + }
> +
> + if (memcg && _memcg == memcg)
> + ret = res_counter_charge(&memcg->kmem, delta, &fail_res);
> +
> + return ret;
> +}
> +
> +void
> +Ok.
```

So I've spent most of the day today trying to come up with a way not to kill the whole performance we gain from `consume_stock()` by this `res_counter_charge()` to `kmem` afterwards...

You mentioned you want to still be able to bill to `memcg->kmem` mostly for debugging/display purposes. So we're surely not using all of the `res_counter` infrastructure (limiting, soft limits, etc)

I was thinking: Can't we have a `percpu_counter` that we use for this purpose when `!kmem_independent` ?

we may not even need to bloat the struct, since we can fold it into a

union with struct res\_counter kmem (which is bigger than a percpu counter anyway).

We just need to be a bit more careful not to allow kmem\_independent to change when we already have charges to any of them (but we need to do it anyway)

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