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Posted by [svensirk](#) on Fri, 30 Mar 2012 11:03:13 GMT

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125 0x00000084
[194043.650281] ffff8825ba732f98 0000000000000086 0000000000000017
ffff8825ba732fc0
[194043.650293] 0000000000000000 0000000000000000 ffff8824d0186d70
0000000000000007
[194043.650301] ffff8825ba732f88 ffff882f74147308 ffff8825ba733fd8
ffff8825ba733fd8
[194043.650308] Call Trace:
[194043.650318] [<ffffffff81122480>] ? sync_page+0x0/0x50
[194043.650325] [<ffffffff814e6b73>] io_schedule+0x73/0xc0
[194043.650330] [<ffffffff811224bd>] sync_page+0x3d/0x50
[194043.650334] [<ffffffff814e73da>] __wait_on_bit_lock+0x5a/0xc0
[194043.650339] [<ffffffff81122457>] __lock_page+0x67/0x70
[194043.650345] [<ffffffff81095550>] ? wake_bit_function+0x0/0x50
[194043.650351] [<ffffffff8113ac72>] ? pagevec_lookup+0x22/0x30
[194043.650357] [<ffffffff8113cc8e>] truncate_inode_pages_range+0x43e/0x450
[194043.650397] [<ffffffffffa0314b80>] ? nfs_dq_delete_inode+0x0/0xd0 [nfs]
[194043.650406] [<ffffffffffa03a7c7f>] ? vzquota_data_unlock+0x2f/0x40 [vzquota]
[194043.650421] [<ffffffffffa0314b80>] ? nfs_dq_delete_inode+0x0/0xd0 [nfs]
[194043.650426] [<ffffffff8113ccb5>] truncate_inode_pages+0x15/0x20
[194043.650441] [<ffffffffffa0314b9f>] nfs_dq_delete_inode+0x1f/0xd0 [nfs]
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[194043.650447] [<ffffff811ac736>] generic_delete_inode+0xd6/0x1c0
[194043.650451] [<ffffff811ac885>] generic_drop_inode+0x65/0x80
[194043.650456] [<ffffff811ab3e2>] iput+0x62/0x70
[194043.650467] [<ffffffa02fa48e>] nfs_dentry_iput+0x3e/0x60 [nfs]
[194043.650472] [<ffffff811a7c1b>] dentry_iput+0x8b/0x110
[194043.650476] [<ffffff811a7d9c>] d_kill+0x3c/0x70
[194043.650480] [<ffffff811a9533>] dput+0xa3/0x1d0
[194043.650485] [<ffffff8119e30a>] path_put+0x1a/0x40
[194043.650497] [<ffffffa0301982>] __put_nfs_open_context+0xc2/0xf0 [nfs]
[194043.650510] [<ffffffa0301a90>] put_nfs_open_context+0x10/0x20 [nfs]
[194043.650524] [<ffffffa0311029>] nfs_commitdata_release+0x29/0x40 [nfs]
[194043.650537] [<ffffffa03116c1>] nfs_commit_release+0x31/0x40 [nfs]
[194043.650564] [<ffffffa029dde7>] rpc_release_calldata+0x17/0x20 [sunrpc]
[194043.650576] [<ffffffa029e090>] rpc_free_task+0x50/0x80 [sunrpc]
[194043.650588] [<ffffffa029e115>] rpc_final_put_task+0x55/0x60 [sunrpc]
[194043.650600] [<ffffffa029e150>] rpc_do_put_task+0x30/0x40 [sunrpc]
[194043.650612] [<ffffffa029e190>] rpc_put_task+0x10/0x20 [sunrpc]
[194043.650626] [<ffffffa03105c1>] nfs_initiate_commit+0x131/0x190 [nfs]
[194043.650640] [<ffffffa0311a89>] nfs_commit_inode+0x199/0x250 [nfs]
[194043.650646] [<ffffff8100bb0e>] ? common_interrupt+0xe/0x13
[194043.650658] [<ffffffa02fe426>] nfs_release_page+0x86/0xa0 [nfs]
[194043.650662] [<ffffff81121800>] try_to_release_page+0x30/0x60
[194043.650668] [<ffffff8113fc77>] shrink_page_list+0x817/0x9f0
[194043.650673] [<ffffff81140227>] shrink_inactive_list+0x3d7/0xa40
[194043.650678] [<ffffff81141308>] shrink_zone+0x5d8/0x9d0
[194043.650684] [<ffffff81063c4b>] ? dequeue_task_fair+0x12b/0x130
[194043.650689] [<ffffff8114240d>] __zone_reclaim+0x22d/0x2f0
[194043.650694] [<ffffff8113eb30>] ? isolate_pages_global+0x0/0x520
[194043.650698] [<ffffff811425e7>] zone_reclaim+0x117/0x150
[194043.650703] [<ffffff8113261c>] get_page_from_freelist+0x6ac/0x840
[194043.650709] [<ffffff814e8eab>] ? _spin_unlock_bh+0x1b/0x20
[194043.650714] [<ffffff81125177>] ? mempool_free_slab+0x17/0x20
[194043.650720] [<ffffff81134266>] __alloc_pages_nodemask+0x116/0xb40
[194043.650734] [<ffffffa03148a9>] ? nfs_dq_update_shrink+0x29/0x120 [nfs]
[194043.650739] [<ffffff8112228e>] ? find_get_page+0x1e/0xa0
[194043.650743] [<ffffff81123bbc>] ? filemap_fault+0xfc/0x5d0
[194043.650750] [<ffffff81174e6a>] alloc_pages_vma+0x9a/0x150
[194043.650755] [<ffffff81155a67>] handle_pte_fault+0xa87/0xf60
[194043.650759] [<ffffff81156124>] handle_mm_fault+0x1e4/0x2b0
[194043.650765] [<ffffff811904ea>] ? do_sync_read+0xfa/0x140
[194043.650770] [<ffffff81042aa9>] __do_page_fault+0x139/0x480
[194043.650776] [<ffffff814ebe2e>] do_page_fault+0x3e/0xa0
[194043.650780] [<ffffff814e91d5>] page_fault+0x25/0x30

many thanks and best regards,

Sirk

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Subject: Re: Hung Tasks on NFS (maybe not a OpenVZ Problem) - How to forcefully kill a container ?

Posted by [Todd Lyons](#) on Fri, 30 Mar 2012 12:40:14 GMT

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On Fri, Mar 30, 2012 at 4:03 AM, Sirk Johannsen

<s.johannsen@satzmedia.de> wrote:

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> reboot of the Host-System.

Yep, that's correct. Your only real option is to migrate all of the other CT's to another host node, then reboot this host node, then migrate the other CT's back.

> Is there a way to forcefully kill the CT ?

Nope, the kernel is hung waiting for IO which will wait until the cows come home. Are you using TCP or UDP nfs mounts? Try switching from one to the other and see if that affects your nfs timeout issue.

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I don't think it can be done.

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So the "which" command was scanning the directories in the path and

that's what caused the nfs fault. Maybe you can tune your tcp settings to compensate (assuming your using tcp nfs mounts) but I've never tried to do anything like that, so I don't know if settings could actually fix anything. Network congestion is likely your biggest issue.

> [194043.650308] Call Trace:

Yeah, once you get a call trace, you're hosed.

Does slabtop show that your nfs slabs are using up extremely large chunks of memory?

...Todd

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Always code as if the guy who ends up maintaining your code will be a violent psychopath who knows where you live. -- Martin Golding

Subject: Re: Hung Tasks on NFS (maybe not a OpenVZ Problem) - How to forcefully kill a container ?

Posted by [Aleksandar Ivanisevic](#) on Mon, 02 Apr 2012 10:08:18 GMT

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Posted by [Kirill Korotaev](#) on Mon, 02 Apr 2012 10:31:15 GMT

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Sent from my iPhonespam SPAMSPAM

On 02.04.2012, at 14:22, "Aleksandar Ivanisevic" <aleksandar@ivanisevic.de> wrote:

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Posted by [svensirk](#) on Mon, 02 Apr 2012 13:24:22 GMT

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Subject: Re: Re: Hung Tasks on NFS (maybe not a OpenVZ Problem) - How to forcefully kill a container ?

Posted by [kir](#) on Mon, 02 Apr 2012 15:56:51 GMT

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On 04/02/2012 05:24 PM, Sirk Johannsen wrote:

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Kirill probably meant the "soft" option. Plus, intr/nointr are deprecated and ignored since 2.6.25 so they make no difference.

More details: man 5 nfs

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