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Subject: [PATCH v3 2/2] decrement static keys on real destroy time

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2012 21:24:23 GMT

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We call the destroy function when a cgroup starts to be removed, such as by a rmdir event.

However, because of our reference counters, some objects are still inflight. Right now, we are decrementing the static\_keys at destroy() time, meaning that if we get rid of the last static\_key reference, some objects will still have charges, but the code to properly uncharge them won't be run.

This becomes a problem specially if it is ever enabled again, because now new charges will be added to the staled charges making keeping it pretty much impossible.

We just need to be careful with the static branch activation: since there is no particular preferred order of their activation, we need to make sure that we only start using it after all call sites are active. This is achieved by having a per-memcg flag that is only updated after static\_key\_slow\_inc() returns. At this time, we are sure all sites are active.

This is made per-memcg, not global, for a reason: it also has the effect of making socket accounting more consistent. The first memcg to be limited will trigger static\_key() activation, therefore, accounting. But all the others will then be accounted no matter what. After this patch, only limited memcgs will have its sockets accounted.

[v2: changed a tcp limited flag for a generic proto limited flag ]  
[v3: update the current active flag only after the static\_key update ]  
[v4: disarm\_static\_keys() inside free\_work ]

Signed-off-by: Glauber Costa <glommer@parallels.com>

```
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include/net/sock.h      |  9 ++++++
mm/memcontrol.c        | 31 ++++++-----
net/ipv4/tcp_memcontrol.c | 70 ++++++-----
3 files changed, 101 insertions(+), 9 deletions(-)
```

```
diff --git a/include/net/sock.h b/include/net/sock.h
index b3ebe6b..c5a2010 100644
--- a/include/net/sock.h
+++ b/include/net/sock.h
@@ -914,6 +914,15 @@ struct cg_proto {
     int *memory_pressure;
```

```

long *sysctl_mem;
/*
+ * active means it is currently active, and new sockets should
+ * be assigned to cgroups.
+ *
+ * activated means it was ever activated, and we need to
+ * disarm the static keys on destruction
+ */
+ bool activated;
+ bool active;
+ /*
+ * memcg field is used to find which memcg we belong directly
+ * Each memcg struct can hold more than one cg_proto, so container_of
+ * won't really cut.
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index b0076cc..53a0815 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -404,6 +404,7 @@ void sock_update_memcg(struct sock *sk)
{
if (mem_cgroup_sockets_enabled) {
struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
+ struct cg_proto *cg_proto;

BUG_ON(!sk->sk_prot->proto_cgroup);

@@ -423,9 +424,10 @@ void sock_update_memcg(struct sock *sk)

rcu_read_lock();
memcg = mem_cgroup_from_task(current);
- if (!mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg)) {
+ cg_proto = sk->sk_prot->proto_cgroup(memcg);
+ if (!mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg) && cg_proto->active) {
mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
- sk->sk_cgrp = sk->sk_prot->proto_cgroup(memcg);
+ sk->sk_cgrp = cg_proto;
}
rcu_read_unlock();
}
@@ -442,6 +444,14 @@ void sock_release_memcg(struct sock *sk)
}
}

+static void disarm_static_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+#ifdef CONFIG_INET
+ if (memcg->tcp_mem.cg_proto.activated)
+ static_key_slow_dec(&memcg_socket_limit_enabled);

```

```

+#endif
+}
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_INET
struct cg_proto *tcp_proto_cgroup(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
{
@@ -452,6 +462,11 @@ struct cg_proto *tcp_proto_cgroup(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
}
EXPORT_SYMBOL(tcp_proto_cgroup);
#endif /* CONFIG_INET */
+#else
+static inline void disarm_static_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+}
+
+#endif /* CONFIG_CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR_KMEM */

static void drain_all_stock_async(struct mem_cgroup *memcg);
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@@ -54,6 +54,8 @@ int tcp_init_cgroup(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct cgroup_subsys *ss)
cg_proto->sysctl_mem = tcp->tcp_prot_mem;
cg_proto->memory_allocated = &tcp->tcp_memory_allocated;
cg_proto->sockets_allocated = &tcp->tcp_sockets_allocated;
+ cg_proto->active = false;
+ cg_proto->activated = false;
cg_proto->memcg = memcg;

```

```

return 0;
@@ -74,12 +76,43 @@ void tcp_destroy_cgroup(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
    percpu_counter_destroy(&tcp->tcp_sockets_allocated);

    val = res_counter_read_u64(&tcp->tcp_memory_allocated, RES_LIMIT);
-
- if (val != RESOURCE_MAX)
- static_key_slow_dec(&memcg_socket_limit_enabled);
}
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+ *
+ * This race was described by Kamezawa Hiroyuki.
+ */
+static DEFINE_MUTEX(tcp_set_limit_mutex);
+
static int tcp_update_limit(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64 val)
{

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struct net *net = current->nsproxy->net_ns;
@@ -107,10 +140,33 @@ static int tcp_update_limit(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64 val)
    tcp->tcp_prot_mem[i] = min_t(long, val >> PAGE_SHIFT,
        net->ipv4.sysctl_tcp_mem[i]);
```

```
- if (val == RESOURCE_MAX && old_lim != RESOURCE_MAX)
- static_key_slow_dec(&memcg_socket_limit_enabled);
- else if (old_lim == RESOURCE_MAX && val != RESOURCE_MAX)
- static_key_slow_inc(&memcg_socket_limit_enabled);
+ if (val == RESOURCE_MAX)
+ cg_proto->active = false;
+ else if (val != RESOURCE_MAX) {
+ /*
+  * ->activated needs to be written after the static_key update.
+  * This is what guarantees that the socket activation function
+  * is the last one to run. See sock_update_memcg() for details,
+  * and note that we don't mark any socket as belonging to this
+  * memcg until that flag is up.
+  *
+  * We need to do this, because static_keys will span multiple
+  * sites, but we can't control their order. If we mark a socket
+  * as accounted, but the accounting functions are not patched in
+  * yet, we'll lose accounting.
+  *
+  * We never race with the readers in sock_update_memcg(), because
+  * when this value change, the code to process it is not patched in
+  * yet.
+  */
+ mutex_lock(&tcp_set_limit_mutex);
+ if (!cg_proto->activated) {
+ static_key_slow_inc(&memcg_socket_limit_enabled);
+ cg_proto->activated = true;
+ }
+ mutex_unlock(&tcp_set_limit_mutex);
+ cg_proto->active = true;
+ }

return 0;
}
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I used a lot of verbosity here because it is a tricky and racy issue.  
I am fine with trimming the comments if this is considered too much.

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I can take them off.

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I will try to rephrase it for more clarity. But this is the thing behind this patchset coming and going with so many attempts:

jump label updates are atomic given a single patch site. But they are *\*not\** atomic given multiple patch sites.

In our case, they are pretty spread around. Which means that while some of them are already patched, some are not. If the socket marking in sock\_update\_memcg is done last, we're fine, because all the accounters test for that. Otherwise, we can misaccount.

To protect against that, we use the "activated" field. But it need to be lock-protected, otherwise a second writer can arrive here before the update is finished, update the accounted field, and we're down to the same problem as before.

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