

Hello all,

So after thinking a lot about the last round of kmem memcg patches, this is what I managed to come up with. I am not sending the whole series for two reasons:

- 1) It still have a nasty destruction bug, and a slab heisenbug (slub seems to be working as flawlessly as before), and I'd like to gather your comments early on this approach
- 2) The rest of the series doesn't change *that* much. Most patches are to some extent touched, but it's mainly to adapt to those four, which I consider to be the core changes between last series. So you can focus on these, and not be distracted by the surrounding churn.

The main difference here is that as suggested by Cristoph, I am hooking at the page allocator. It is, indeed looser than before. But I still keep objects from the same cgroup in the same page most of the time. I guarantee that by using the same dispatch mechanism as before to select a particular per-memcg cache, but I now assume the process doing the dispatch will be the same doing the page allocation.

The only situation this does not hold true, is when a task moves cgroup *\*between those two events\**. So first of all, this is fixable. One can have a reaper, a check while moving, a match check after the page is allocated. But also, this is the kind of loose accounting I don't care too much about, since this is expected to be a rare event, one I particularly don't care about, and more importantly, it won't break anything.

Let me know what you people think of this approach. In terms of meddling with the internals of the caches, it is way less invasive than before.

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memcg: kmem controller dispatch infrastructure  
Add a \_\_GFP\_SLABMEMCG flag  
don't do \_\_ClearPageSlab before freeing slab page.  
mm: Allocate kernel pages to the right memcg

```
include/linux/gfp.h      |  4 +-  
include/linux/memcontrol.h | 72 ++++++++  
include/linux/page-flags.h |  2 +-  
include/linux/slub_def.h | 15 +-  
init/Kconfig             |  2 +-  
mm/memcontrol.c           | 358 ++++++
```

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mm/page_alloc.c      | 16 +-
mm/slab.c             | 9 +-
mm/slob.c             | 1 -
mm/slub.c             | 2 +-
10 files changed, 464 insertions(+), 17 deletions(-)
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With all the dependencies already in place, this patch introduces the dispatcher functions for the slab cache accounting in memcg.

Before we can charge a cache, we need to select the right cache. This is done by using the function `__mem_cgroup_get_kmem_cache()`.

If we should use the root kmem cache, this function tries to detect that and return as early as possible.

In memcontrol.h those functions are wrapped in inline accessors. The idea is to later on, patch those with jump labels, so we don't incur any overhead when no mem cgroups are being used.

Because the slub allocator tends to inline the allocations whenever it can, those functions need to be exported so modules can make use of it properly.

This code is inspired by the code written by Suleiman Souhlal, but heavily changed.

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include/linux/memcontrol.h | 72 ++++++++  
init/Kconfig | 2 +-  
mm/memcontrol.c | 356 ++++++  
3 files changed, 428 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)

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index f93021a..b6acf39 100644
--- a/include/linux/memcontrol.h
+++ b/include/linux/memcontrol.h
@@ -21,6 +21,7 @@
#define _LINUX_MEMCONTROL_H
#include <linux/cgroup.h>
#include <linux/vm_event_item.h>
+#include <linux/hardirq.h>

struct mem_cgroup;
struct page_cgroup;
@@ -447,6 +448,16 @@ void mem_cgroup_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
void mem_cgroup_release_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep);
extern char *mem_cgroup_cache_name(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
    struct kmem_cache *cachep);
+
+void mem_cgroup_flush_cache_create_queue(void);
+bool __mem_cgroup_new_kmem_page(gfp_t gfp, void *handle, int order);
+void __mem_cgroup_commit_kmem_page(struct page *page, void *handle, int order);
+void __mem_cgroup_free_kmem_page(struct page *page, int order);
+
+struct kmem_cache *
+__mem_cgroup_get_kmem_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t gfp);
+
+#define mem_cgroup_kmem_on 1
#else
static inline void mem_cgroup_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
    struct kmem_cache *s)
@@ -463,6 +474,67 @@ static inline void sock_update_memcg(struct sock *sk)
static inline void sock_release_memcg(struct sock *sk)
{
}
+
+static inline void
+mem_cgroup_flush_cache_create_queue(void)
+{
+}
+
+static inline void mem_cgroup_destroy_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep)
+{
+}
+
+#define mem_cgroup_kmem_on 0
+#define __mem_cgroup_get_kmem_cache(a, b) a
+#define __mem_cgroup_new_kmem_page(a, b, c) false
+#define __mem_cgroup_free_kmem_page(a,b )
+#define __mem_cgroup_commit_kmem_page(a, b, c)
#endif /* CONFIG_CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR_KMEM */

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diff --git a/init/Kconfig b/init/Kconfig
index 6cfd71d..af98c30 100644
--- a/init/Kconfig
+++ b/init/Kconfig
@@ -696,7 +696,7 @@ config CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR_SWAP_ENABLED
    then swapaccount=0 does the trick).
config CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR_KMEM
    bool "Memory Resource Controller Kernel Memory accounting (EXPERIMENTAL)"
- depends on CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR && EXPERIMENTAL
+ depends on CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR && EXPERIMENTAL && !SLOB
    default n
    help
        The Kernel Memory extension for Memory Resource Controller can limit
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index 3764097..45f7ece 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -10,6 +10,10 @@
    * Copyright (C) 2009 Nokia Corporation
    * Author: Kirill A. Shutemov
    *
+ * Kernel Memory Controller
+ * Copyright (C) 2012 Parallels Inc. and Google Inc.
+ * Authors: Glauber Costa and Suleiman Souhlal
+ *
    * This program is free software; you can redistribute it and/or modify
    * it under the terms of the GNU General Public License as published by
    * the Free Software Foundation; either version 2 of the License, or
@@ -321,6 +325,11 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
#ifdef CONFIG_INET
    struct tcp_memcontrol tcp_mem;
#endif
+
+ #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR_KMEM
+ /* Slab accounting */
+ struct kmem_cache *slabs[MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES];
+ #endif
};

int memcg_css_id(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
@@ -414,6 +423,9 @@ static void mem_cgroup_put(struct mem_cgroup *memcg);
#include <net/ip.h>

static bool mem_cgroup_is_root(struct mem_cgroup *memcg);
+static int memcg_charge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t gfp, s64 delta);
+static void memcg_uncharge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, s64 delta);
+
void sock_update_memcg(struct sock *sk)

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{
    if (mem_cgroup_sockets_enabled) {
@@ -503,7 +515,14 @@ static struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_dup(struct mem_cgroup
*memcg,
    return new;
    }

+static inline bool mem_cgroup_kmem_enabled(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ return !mem_cgroup_disabled() && memcg &&
+      !mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg) && memcg->kmem_accounted;
+}
+
    struct ida cache_types;
+static DEFINE_MUTEX(memcg_cache_mutex);

    void mem_cgroup_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
        struct kmem_cache *cachep)
@@ -518,9 +537,274 @@ void mem_cgroup_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,

    void mem_cgroup_release_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep)
    {
+ mem_cgroup_flush_cache_create_queue();
        if (cachep->memcg_params.id != -1)
            ida_simple_remove(&cache_types, cachep->memcg_params.id);
    }

+
+static struct kmem_cache *memcg_create_kmem_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
+    struct kmem_cache *cachep)
+{
+ struct kmem_cache *new_cachep;
+ int idx;
+
+ BUG_ON(!mem_cgroup_kmem_enabled(memcg));
+
+ idx = cachep->memcg_params.id;
+
+ mutex_lock(&memcg_cache_mutex);
+ new_cachep = memcg->slabs[idx];
+ if (new_cachep)
+     goto out;
+
+ new_cachep = kmem_cache_dup(memcg, cachep);
+
+ if (new_cachep == NULL) {
+     new_cachep = cachep;
+     goto out;
+ }

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+
+ mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
+ memcg->slabs[idx] = new_cachep;
+ new_cachep->memcg_params.memcg = memcg;
+ atomic_set(&new_cachep->memcg_params.refcnt, 1);
+out:
+ mutex_unlock(&memcg_cache_mutex);
+ return new_cachep;
+}
+
+struct create_work {
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
+ struct kmem_cache *cachep;
+ struct list_head list;
+};
+
+/* Use a single spinlock for destruction and creation, not a frequent op */
+static DEFINE_SPINLOCK(cache_queue_lock);
+static LIST_HEAD(create_queue);
+
+/*
+ * Flush the queue of kmem_caches to create, because we're creating a cgroup.
+ *
+ * We might end up flushing other cgroups' creation requests as well, but
+ * they will just get queued again next time someone tries to make a slab
+ * allocation for them.
+ */
+void mem_cgroup_flush_cache_create_queue(void)
+{
+ struct create_work *cw, *tmp;
+ unsigned long flags;
+
+ spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+ list_for_each_entry_safe(cw, tmp, &create_queue, list) {
+ list_del(&cw->list);
+ kfree(cw);
+ }
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+}
+
+static void memcg_create_cache_work_func(struct work_struct *w)
+{
+ struct create_work *cw, *tmp;
+ unsigned long flags;
+ LIST_HEAD(create_unlocked);
+
+ spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+ list_for_each_entry_safe(cw, tmp, &create_queue, list)

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+ list_move(&cw->list, &create_unlocked);
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+
+ list_for_each_entry_safe(cw, tmp, &create_unlocked, list) {
+ list_del(&cw->list);
+ memcg_create_kmem_cache(cw->memcg, cw->cachep);
+ /* Drop the reference gotten when we enqueued. */
+ css_put(&cw->memcg->css);
+ kfree(cw);
+ }
+}
+
+static DECLARE_WORK(memcg_create_cache_work, memcg_create_cache_work_func);
+
+/*
+ * Enqueue the creation of a per-memcg kmem_cache.
+ * Called with rcu_read_lock.
+ */
+static void memcg_create_cache_enqueue(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
+      struct kmem_cache *cachep)
+{
+ struct create_work *cw;
+ unsigned long flags;
+
+ spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+ list_for_each_entry(cw, &create_queue, list) {
+ if (cw->memcg == memcg && cw->cachep == cachep) {
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+ return;
+ }
+ }
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+
+ /* The corresponding put will be done in the workqueue. */
+ if (!css_tryget(&memcg->css))
+ return;
+
+ cw = kmalloc(sizeof(struct create_work), GFP_NOWAIT);
+ if (cw == NULL) {
+ css_put(&memcg->css);
+ return;
+ }
+
+ cw->memcg = memcg;
+ cw->cachep = cachep;
+ spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+ list_add_tail(&cw->list, &create_queue);
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);

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+
+ schedule_work(&memcg_create_cache_work);
+}
+
+/*
+ * Return the kmem_cache we're supposed to use for a slab allocation.
+ * We try to use the current memcg's version of the cache.
+ *
+ * If the cache does not exist yet, if we are the first user of it,
+ * we either create it immediately, if possible, or create it asynchronously
+ * in a workqueue.
+ * In the latter case, we will let the current allocation go through with
+ * the original cache.
+ *
+ * Can't be called in interrupt context or from kernel threads.
+ * This function needs to be called with rcu_read_lock() held.
+ */
+struct kmem_cache *__mem_cgroup_get_kmem_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
+      gfp_t gfp)
+{
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
+ int idx;
+ struct task_struct *p;
+
+ if (cachep->memcg_params.memcg)
+ return cachep;
+
+ idx = cachep->memcg_params.id;
+ VM_BUG_ON(idx == -1);
+
+ rcu_read_lock();
+ p = rcu_dereference(current->mm->owner);
+ memcg = mem_cgroup_from_task(p);
+ rcu_read_unlock();
+
+ if (!mem_cgroup_kmem_enabled(memcg))
+ return cachep;
+
+ if (memcg->slabs[idx] == NULL) {
+ memcg_create_cache_enqueue(memcg, cachep);
+ return cachep;
+ }
+
+ return memcg->slabs[idx];
+}
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(__mem_cgroup_get_kmem_cache);
+
+bool __mem_cgroup_new_kmem_page(gfp_t gfp, void *_handle, int order)

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+{
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
+ struct mem_cgroup *handle = *(struct mem_cgroup **)_handle;
+ bool ret = true;
+ size_t size;
+ struct task_struct *p;
+
+ handle = NULL;
+ rcu_read_lock();
+ p = rcu_dereference(current->mm->owner);
+ memcg = mem_cgroup_from_task(p);
+ if (!mem_cgroup_kmem_enabled(memcg))
+ goto out;
+
+ mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
+
+ size = (1 << order) << PAGE_SHIFT;
+ ret = memcg_charge_kmem(memcg, gfp, size) == 0;
+ if (!ret) {
+ mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
+ goto out;
+ }
+ handle = memcg;
+out:
+ rcu_read_unlock();
+ return ret;
+}
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(__mem_cgroup_new_kmem_page);
+
+void __mem_cgroup_commit_kmem_page(struct page *page, void *handle, int order)
+{
+ struct page_cgroup *pc;
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg = handle;
+ size_t size;
+
+ if (!memcg)
+ return;
+
+ WARN_ON(mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg));
+ /* The page allocation must have failed. Revert */
+ if (!page) {
+ size = (1 << order) << PAGE_SHIFT;
+ memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, size);
+ mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
+ return;
+ }
+
+ pc = lookup_page_cgroup(page);

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+ lock_page_cgroup(pc);
+ pc->mem_cgroup = memcg;
+ SetPageCgroupUsed(pc);
+ unlock_page_cgroup(pc);
+}
+void __mem_cgroup_free_kmem_page(struct page *page, int order)
+{
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
+ size_t size;
+ struct page_cgroup *pc;
+
+ if (mem_cgroup_disabled())
+ return;
+
+ pc = lookup_page_cgroup(page);
+ lock_page_cgroup(pc);
+ memcg = pc->mem_cgroup;
+ pc->mem_cgroup = NULL;
+ if (!PageCgroupUsed(pc)) {
+ unlock_page_cgroup(pc);
+ return;
+ }
+ ClearPageCgroupUsed(pc);
+ unlock_page_cgroup(pc);
+
+ /*
+ * The classical disabled check won't work
+ * for uncharge, since it is possible that the user enabled
+ * kmem tracking, allocated, and then disabled.
+ *
+ * We trust if there is a memcg associated with the page,
+ * it is a valid allocation
+ */
+ if (!memcg)
+ return;
+
+ WARN_ON(mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg));
+ size = (1 << order) << PAGE_SHIFT;
+ memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, size);
+ mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
+}
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(__mem_cgroup_free_kmem_page);
+
+static void memcg_slab_init(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ int i;
+
+ for (i = 0; i < MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES; i++)

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+ memcg->slabs[i] = NULL;
+}
#endif /* CONFIG_CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR_KMEM */

static void drain_all_stock_async(struct mem_cgroup *memcg);
@@ -4777,7 +5061,11 @@ static struct cftype kmem_cgroup_files[] = {

static int memcg_init_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct cgroup_subsys *ss)
{
- return mem_cgroup_sockets_init(memcg, ss);
+ int ret = mem_cgroup_sockets_init(memcg, ss);
+
+ if (!ret)
+ memcg_slab_init(memcg);
+ return ret;
};

static void kmem_cgroup_destroy(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
@@ -5793,3 +6081,69 @@ static int __init enable_swap_account(char *s)
__setup("swapaccount=", enable_swap_account);

#endif

+
+#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR_KMEM
+int memcg_charge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t gfp, s64 delta)
+{
+ struct res_counter *fail_res;
+ struct mem_cgroup *_memcg;
+ int may_oom, ret;
+ bool nofail = false;
+
+ may_oom = (gfp & __GFP_WAIT) && (gfp & __GFP_FS) &&
+   !(gfp & __GFP_NORETRY);
+
+ ret = 0;
+
+ if (!memcg)
+ return ret;
+
+ _memcg = memcg;
+ ret = __mem_cgroup_try_charge(NULL, gfp, delta / PAGE_SIZE,
+   &_memcg, may_oom);
+
+ if (ret == -EINTR) {
+ nofail = true;
+ /*
+  * __mem_cgroup_try_charge() chose to bypass to root due
+  * to OOM kill or fatal signal.

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+ * Since our only options are to either fail the
+ * allocation or charge it to this cgroup, do it as
+ * a temporary condition. But we can't fail. From a kmem/slab
+ * perspective, the cache has already been selected, by
+ * mem_cgroup_get_kmem_cache(), so it is too late to change our
+ * minds
+ */
+ res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->res, delta, &fail_res);
+ if (do_swap_account)
+   res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->memsw, delta,
+     &fail_res);
+ ret = 0;
+ } else if (ret == -ENOMEM)
+   return ret;
+
+ if (nofail)
+   res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->kmem, delta, &fail_res);
+ else
+   ret = res_counter_charge(&memcg->kmem, delta, &fail_res);
+
+ if (ret) {
+   res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->res, delta);
+   if (do_swap_account)
+     res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->memsw, delta);
+ }
+
+ return ret;
+}
+
+void memcg_uncharge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, s64 delta)
+{
+ if (!memcg)
+   return;
+
+ res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->kmem, delta);
+ res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->res, delta);
+ if (do_swap_account)
+   res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->memsw, delta);
+}
+#endif /* CONFIG_CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR_KMEM */
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This flag is used to indicate to the callees that this allocation will be serviced to the kernel. It is not supposed to be passed by the callers of `kmem_cache_alloc`, but rather by the cache core itself.

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--- a/include/linux/gfp.h

+++ b/include/linux/gfp.h

@ @ -37,6 +37,7 @ @ struct vm\_area\_struct;

#define \_\_GFP\_NO\_KSWAPD 0x400000u

#define \_\_GFP\_OTHER\_NODE 0x800000u

#define \_\_GFP\_WRITE 0x1000000u

+#define \_\_GFP\_SLABMEMCG 0x2000000u

/\*

\* GFP bitmasks..

@ @ -87,6 +88,7 @ @ struct vm\_area\_struct;

#define \_\_GFP\_NO\_KSWAPD ((\_\_force gfp\_t) \_\_GFP\_NO\_KSWAPD)

#define \_\_GFP\_OTHER\_NODE ((\_\_force gfp\_t) \_\_GFP\_OTHER\_NODE) /\* On behalf of other node \*/

#define \_\_GFP\_WRITE ((\_\_force gfp\_t) \_\_GFP\_WRITE) /\* Allocator intends to dirty page \*/

+#define \_\_GFP\_SLABMEMCG ((\_\_force gfp\_t) \_\_GFP\_SLABMEMCG) /\* Allocation comes from a memcg slab \*/

/\*

\* This may seem redundant, but it's a way of annotating false positives vs.

@ @ -94,7 +96,7 @ @ struct vm\_area\_struct;

\*/

#define \_\_GFP\_NOTRACK\_FALSE\_POSITIVE (\_\_GFP\_NOTRACK)

-#define \_\_GFP\_BITS\_SHIFT 25 /\* Room for N \_\_GFP\_FOO bits \*/

+#define \_\_GFP\_BITS\_SHIFT 26 /\* Room for N \_\_GFP\_FOO bits \*/

#define \_\_GFP\_BITS\_MASK ((\_\_force gfp\_t)((1 << \_\_GFP\_BITS\_SHIFT) - 1))

/\* This equals 0, but use constants in case they ever change \*/

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This will give the opportunity to the page allocator to determine that a given page was previously a slab page, and take action accordingly.

If memcg kmem is present, this means that that page needs to be unaccounted. The page allocator will now have the responsibility to clear that bit upon free\_pages().

It is not uncommon to have the page allocator to check page flags. Mlock flag, for instance, is checked pervasively all over the place. So I hope this is okay for the slab as well.

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mm/page_alloc.c | 5 +++++
mm/slab.c       | 5 ----
mm/slob.c       | 1 -
mm/slub.c       | 1 -
4 files changed, 4 insertions(+), 8 deletions(-)

diff --git a/mm/page_alloc.c b/mm/page_alloc.c
index 918330f..a884a9c 100644
--- a/mm/page_alloc.c
+++ b/mm/page_alloc.c
@@ -697,8 +697,10 @@ static bool free_pages_prepare(struct page *page, unsigned int order)

    if (PageAnon(page))
        page->mapping = NULL;
-   for (i = 0; i < (1 << order); i++)
+   for (i = 0; i < (1 << order); i++) {
+       __ClearPageSlab(page + i);
        bad += free_pages_check(page + i);
+   }
    if (bad)
        return false;

@@ -2505,6 +2507,7 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(get_zeroed_page);
void __free_pages(struct page *page, unsigned int order)
{
    if (put_page_testzero(page)) {
```

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+ __ClearPageSlab(page);
  if (order == 0)
    free_hot_cold_page(page, 0);
  else
diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
index d7dfd26..66ef370 100644
--- a/mm/slab.c
+++ b/mm/slab.c
@@ -1794,11 +1794,6 @@ static void kmem_freepages(struct kmem_cache *cachep, void
*addr)
  else
    sub_zone_page_state(page_zone(page),
      NR_SLAB_UNRECLAIMABLE, nr_freed);
- while (i--) {
-   BUG_ON(!PageSlab(page));
-   __ClearPageSlab(page);
-   page++;
- }
  if (current->reclaim_state)
    current->reclaim_state->reclaimed_slab += nr_freed;
  free_pages((unsigned long)addr, cachep->gfporder);
diff --git a/mm/slob.c b/mm/slob.c
index 61b1845..b03d65e 100644
--- a/mm/slob.c
+++ b/mm/slob.c
@@ -360,7 +360,6 @@ static void slob_free(void *block, int size)
  if (slob_page_free(sp))
    clear_slob_page_free(sp);
  spin_unlock_irqrestore(&slob_lock, flags);
- __ClearPageSlab(sp);
  reset_page_mapcount(sp);
  slob_free_pages(b, 0);
  return;
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index ed01be5..a0eeb4a 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -1399,7 +1399,6 @@ static void __free_slab(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *page)
  NR_SLAB_RECLAIMABLE : NR_SLAB_UNRECLAIMABLE,
  -pages);

- __ClearPageSlab(page);
  reset_page_mapcount(page);
  if (current->reclaim_state)
    current->reclaim_state->reclaimed_slab += pages;
--
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Subject: [PATCH 4/4] mm: Allocate kernel pages to the right memcg  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Fri, 08 Jun 2012 09:43:21 GMT  
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This patch builds on the suggestion previously given by Cristoph, with one major difference: it still keeps the cache dispatcher and the cache duplicates. But its internals are completely different.

I no longer mess with the cache cores when pages are allocated. (except for destruction, that happens a bit later, but that's quite simple). All of that is done by the page allocator, by recognizing the `__GFP_SLABMEMCG` flag.

The catch here is that 99% of the time, the task doing the dispatch will be the same allocating the page. It doesn't hold only when tasks are moving around. But that's an acceptable price to pay, at least for me. Moving around won't break, it will at the most put us on a state where a cache has a page that is accounted to a different cgroup. Or, if that cgroups is destroyed, not accounted to anyone. If that ever hurts anyone, this is solvable by a reaper, or by a full cache scan when the task moves.

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include/linux/page-flags.h | 2 +-
include/linux/slub_def.h   | 15 ++++++-----
mm/memcontrol.c            | 2 ++
mm/page_alloc.c            | 13 ++++++-----
mm/slab.c                  | 4 ++++
mm/slub.c                  | 1 +
6 files changed, 30 insertions(+), 7 deletions(-)
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diff --git a/include/linux/page-flags.h b/include/linux/page-flags.h
index c88d2a9..9b065d7 100644
--- a/include/linux/page-flags.h
+++ b/include/linux/page-flags.h
@@ -201,7 +201,7 @@
@@ -201,7 +201,7 @@ PAGEFLAG(Dirty, dirty) TESTSCFLAG(Dirty, dirty)
__CLEARPAGEFLAG(Dirty, dirty)
PAGEFLAG(LRU, lru) __CLEARPAGEFLAG(LRU, lru)
PAGEFLAG(Active, active) __CLEARPAGEFLAG(Active, active)
TESTCLEARFLAG(Active, active)
-__PAGEFLAG(Slab, slab)
+__PAGEFLAG(Slab, slab) __TESTCLEARFLAG(Slab, slab)
PAGEFLAG(Checked, checked) /* Used by some filesystems */
PAGEFLAG(Pinned, pinned) TESTSCFLAG(Pinned, pinned) /* Xen */
```

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PAGEFLAG(SavePinned, savepinned); /* Xen */
diff --git a/include/linux/slub_def.h b/include/linux/slub_def.h
index 7637f3b..32aa7a5 100644
--- a/include/linux/slub_def.h
+++ b/include/linux/slub_def.h
@@ -13,6 +13,8 @@
#include <linux/kobject.h>

#include <linux/kmemleak.h>
+#include <linux/memcontrol.h>
+#include <linux/mm.h>

enum stat_item {
    ALLOC_FASTPATH, /* Allocation from cpu slab */
@@ -209,14 +211,14 @@ static __always_inline int kmalloc_index(size_t size)
    * This ought to end up with a global pointer to the right cache
    * in kmalloc_caches.
    */
-static __always_inline struct kmem_cache *kmalloc_slab(size_t size)
+static __always_inline struct kmem_cache *kmalloc_slab(gfp_t flags, size_t size)
{
    int index = kmalloc_index(size);

    if (index == 0)
        return NULL;

- return kmalloc_caches[index];
+ return mem_cgroup_get_kmem_cache(kmalloc_caches[index], flags);
}

void *kmem_cache_alloc(struct kmem_cache *, gfp_t);
@@ -225,7 +227,10 @@ void *__kmalloc(size_t size, gfp_t flags);
static __always_inline void *
kmalloc_order(size_t size, gfp_t flags, unsigned int order)
{
- void *ret = (void *) __get_free_pages(flags | __GFP_COMP, order);
+ void *ret;
+
+ flags |= (__GFP_COMP | __GFP_SLABMEMCG);
+ ret = (void *) __get_free_pages(flags, order);
    kmemleak_alloc(ret, size, 1, flags);
    return ret;
}
@@ -274,7 +279,7 @@ static __always_inline void *kmalloc(size_t size, gfp_t flags)
    return kmalloc_large(size, flags);

    if (!(flags & SLUB_DMA)) {
- struct kmem_cache *s = kmalloc_slab(size);

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+ struct kmem_cache *s = kmalloc_slab(flags, size);

    if (!s)
        return ZERO_SIZE_PTR;
@@ -307,7 +312,7 @@ static __always_inline void *kmalloc_node(size_t size, gfp_t flags, int
node)
{
    if (__builtin_constant_p(size) &&
        size <= SLUB_MAX_SIZE && !(flags & SLUB_DMA)) {
- struct kmem_cache *s = kmalloc_slab(size);
+ struct kmem_cache *s = kmalloc_slab(flags, size);

    if (!s)
        return ZERO_SIZE_PTR;
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index 45f7ece..9358140 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -510,6 +510,8 @@ static struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_dup(struct mem_cgroup
*memcg,
    flags = s->flags & ~(SLAB_PANIC|SLAB_OFF_SLAB);
    new = kmem_cache_create_memcg(memcg, name, s->object_size, s->align,
        flags, s->ctor, s);
+ if (new)
+ new->allocflags |= __GFP_SLABMEMCG;

    kfree(name);
    return new;
diff --git a/mm/page_alloc.c b/mm/page_alloc.c
index a884a9c..b4322b7 100644
--- a/mm/page_alloc.c
+++ b/mm/page_alloc.c
@@ -2425,6 +2425,7 @@ __alloc_pages_nodemask(gfp_t gfp_mask, unsigned int order,
    struct page *page = NULL;
    int migratetype = allocflags_to_migratetype(gfp_mask);
    unsigned int cpuset_mems_cookie;
+ void *handle = NULL;

    gfp_mask &= gfp_allowed_mask;

@@ -2436,6 +2437,13 @@ __alloc_pages_nodemask(gfp_t gfp_mask, unsigned int order,
    return NULL;

    /*
+ * Will only have any effect when __GFP_SLABMEMCG is set.
+ * This is verified in the (always inline) callee
+ */
+ if (!mem_cgroup_new_kmem_page(gfp_mask, &handle, order))

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+ return NULL;
+
+ /*
+  * Check the zones suitable for the gfp_mask contain at least one
+  * valid zone. It's possible to have an empty zonelist as a result
+  * of GFP_THISNODE and a memoryless node
@@ -2474,6 +2482,8 @@ out:
    if (unlikely(!put_mems_allowed(cpuset_mems_cookie) && !page))
        goto retry_cpuset;

+ mem_cgroup_commit_kmem_page(page, handle, order);
+
    return page;
}
EXPORT_SYMBOL(__alloc_pages_nodemask);
@@ -2507,7 +2517,8 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(get_zeroed_page);
void __free_pages(struct page *page, unsigned int order)
{
    if (put_page_testzero(page)) {
-   __ClearPageSlab(page);
+   if (__TestClearPageSlab(page))
+       mem_cgroup_free_kmem_page(page, order);
        if (order == 0)
            free_hot_cold_page(page, 0);
        else
diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
index 66ef370..1b19b34 100644
--- a/mm/slab.c
+++ b/mm/slab.c
@@ -3306,6 +3306,8 @@ __cache_alloc_node(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t flags, int
nodeid,
    if (slab_should_failslab(cachep, flags))
        return NULL;

+ cachep = mem_cgroup_get_kmem_cache(cachep, flags);
+
    cache_alloc_debugcheck_before(cachep, flags);
    local_irq_save(save_flags);

@@ -3391,6 +3393,8 @@ __cache_alloc(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t flags, void *caller)
    if (slab_should_failslab(cachep, flags))
        return NULL;

+ cachep = mem_cgroup_get_kmem_cache(cachep, flags);
+
    cache_alloc_debugcheck_before(cachep, flags);
    local_irq_save(save_flags);
    objp = __do_cache_alloc(cachep, flags);

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diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index a0eeb4a..6994718 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -2304,6 +2304,7 @@ static __always_inline void *slab_alloc(struct kmem_cache *s,
    if (slab_pre_alloc_hook(s, gfpflags))
        return NULL;

+ s = mem_cgroup_get_kmem_cache(s, gfpflags);
redo:

/*
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/4] Add a \_\_GFP\_SLABMEMCG flag  
Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Fri, 08 Jun 2012 19:31:07 GMT  
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Posted by [James Bottomley](#) on Sat, 09 Jun 2012 00:56:56 GMT  
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On Fri, 2012-06-08 at 14:31 -0500, Christoph Lameter wrote:

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James

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/4] Add a \_\_GFP\_SLABMEMCG flag  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Sat, 09 Jun 2012 08:19:44 GMT  
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On 06/08/2012 11:31 PM, Christoph Lameter wrote:

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Looking at how \_\_GFP\_NOTRACK works - which is also ifdef'd, the bit it uses is skipped if that is not defined, which I believe is a sane thing to do.

Given that, I don't see the point of conditionally defining the memcg bit, It basically means that the only way we can reuse the bit saved is by making a future feature fundamentally incompatible with memcg.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/4] Add a \_\_GFP\_SLABMEMCG flag  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Sat, 09 Jun 2012 08:24:03 GMT  
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On 06/09/2012 04:56 AM, James Bottomley wrote:

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Which is also difficult since that's not code that we can BUG or WARN,  
 but just a number people or and and into their own flags. And it is too  
 fragile to rely on any given sequence we put here (like -1UL, etc) to  
 provide predictable enough results to tell someone he is doing it wrong.

A much better approach if we want to protect against that, is to add  
 code in the page or slab allocator (or both) to ignore and WARN upon  
 seeing this flag when !memcg.

I'd leave the flag itself alone.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/4] Add a \_\_GFP\_SLABMEMCG flag  
 Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Mon, 11 Jun 2012 14:24:37 GMT  
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Ok that is another reason to do so.

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Posted by [James Bottomley](#) on Tue, 12 Jun 2012 14:36:27 GMT  
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> danger.

But if there's no possible configuration that can use a flag and depends on !CONFIG\_MEMGC then why bother? The main problem is that unless you get two configurations which exactly cancel each other and require a GFP flag, you end up eventually with unbuildable configurations that need >32 flags.

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A reason to make it conditional, not a reason to go to the trouble of making the flags reusable.

James

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