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Subject: [PATCH v3 00/13] kmem controller for memcg.  
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Hi,

This is the first part of the kernel memory controller for memcg. It has been discussed many times, and I consider this stable enough to be on tree. A follow up to this series are the patches to also track slab memory. They are not included here because I believe we could benefit from merging them separately for better testing coverage. If there are any issues preventing this to be merged, let me know. I'll be happy to address them.

\*v3:

- Changed function names to match memcg's
- avoid doing get/put in charge/uncharge path
- revert back to keeping the account enabled after it is first activated

The slab patches are also mature in my self evaluation and could be merged not too long after this. For the reference, the last discussion about them happened at <http://lwn.net/Articles/508087/>. Patches for that will be sent shortly, and will include the documentation for this.

Numbers can be found at <https://lkml.org/lkml/2012/9/13/239>

A (throwaway) git tree with them is placed at:

`git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/glommer/memcg.git kmemcg-stack`

A general explanation of what this is all about follows:

The kernel memory limitation mechanism for memcg concerns itself with disallowing potentially non-reclaimable allocations to happen in exaggerate quantities by a particular set of processes (cgroup). Those allocations could create pressure that affects the behavior of a different and unrelated set of processes.

Its basic working mechanism is to annotate some allocations with the `_GFP_KMEMCG` flag. When this flag is set, the current process allocating will have its memcg identified and charged against. When reaching a specific limit, further allocations will be denied.

One example of such problematic pressure that can be prevented by this work is a fork bomb conducted in a shell. We prevent it by noting that processes use a limited amount of stack pages. Seen this way, a fork bomb is just a special case of resource abuse. If the offender is unable to grab more pages for the stack, no new processes can be created.

There are also other things the general mechanism protects against. For example, using too much of pinned dentry and inode cache, by touching files and leaving them in memory forever.

In fact, a simple:

```
while true; do mkdir x; cd x; done
```

can halt your system easily because the file system limits are hard to reach (big disks), but the kernel memory is not. Those are examples, but the list certainly don't stop here.

An important use case for all that, is concerned with people offering hosting services through containers. In a physical box we can put a limit to some resources, like total number of processes or threads. But in an environment where each independent user gets its own piece of the machine, we don't want a potentially malicious user to destroy good users' services.

This might be true for systemd as well, that now groups services inside cgroups. They generally want to put forward a set of guarantees that limits the running service in a variety of ways, so that if they become badly behaved, they won't interfere with the rest of the system.

There is, of course, a cost for that. To attempt to mitigate that, static branches are used to make sure that even if the feature is compiled in with potentially a lot of memory cgroups deployed this code will only be enabled after the first user of this service configures any limit. Limits lower than the user limit effectively means there is a separate kernel memory limit that may be reached independently than the user limit. Values equal or greater than the user limit implies only that kernel memory is tracked. This provides a unified vision of "maximum memory", be it kernel or user memory. Because this is all default-off, existing deployments will see no change in behavior.

Glauber Costa (11):

- memcg: change defines to an enum
- kmem accounting basic infrastructure
- Add a \_\_GFP\_KMEMCG flag
- memcg: kmem controller infrastructure
- mm: Allocate kernel pages to the right memcg
- res\_counter: return amount of charges after res\_counter\_uncharge
- memcg: kmem accounting lifecycle management
- memcg: use static branches when code not in use
- memcg: allow a memcg with kmem charges to be destructed.
- execute the whole memcg freeing in rcu callback
- protect architectures where THREAD\_SIZE >= PAGE\_SIZE against fork bombs

Suleiman Souhlal (2):

memcg: Make it possible to use the stock for more than one page.

memcg: Reclaim when more than one page needed.

```
Documentation/cgroups/resource_counter.txt | 7 +-
include/linux/gfp.h | 10 +-
include/linux/memcontrol.h | 99 ++++++
include/linux/res_counter.h | 12 +-
include/linux/thread_info.h | 2 +
kernel/fork.c | 4 +-
kernel/res_counter.c | 20 +-
mm/memcontrol.c | 519 ++++++-----
mm/page_alloc.c | 35 ++
9 files changed, 628 insertions(+), 80 deletions(-)
```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 01/13] memcg: Make it possible to use the stock for more than one page.

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We currently have a percpu stock cache scheme that charges one page at a time from memcg->res, the user counter. When the kernel memory controller comes into play, we'll need to charge more than that.

This is because kernel memory allocations will also draw from the user counter, and can be bigger than a single page, as it is the case with the stack (usually 2 pages) or some higher order slabs.

[ glommer@parallels.com: added a changelog ]

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```
mm/memcontrol.c | 28 ++++++-----
1 file changed, 18 insertions(+), 10 deletions(-)
```

```
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
```

```
index 795e525..9d3bc72 100644
```

```
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
```

```

+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -2034,20 +2034,28 @@ struct memcg_stock_pcp {
static DEFINE_PER_CPU(struct memcg_stock_pcp, memcg_stock);
static DEFINE_MUTEX(percpu_charge_mutex);

-/*
- * Try to consume stocked charge on this cpu. If success, one page is consumed
- * from local stock and true is returned. If the stock is 0 or charges from a
- * cgroup which is not current target, returns false. This stock will be
- * refilled.
+/**
+ * consume_stock: Try to consume stocked charge on this cpu.
+ * @memcg: memcg to consume from.
+ * @nr_pages: how many pages to charge.
+ *
+ * The charges will only happen if @memcg matches the current cpu's memcg
+ * stock, and at least @nr_pages are available in that stock. Failure to
+ * service an allocation will refill the stock.
+ *
+ * returns true if succesfull, false otherwise.
 */
-static bool consume_stock(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+static bool consume_stock(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, int nr_pages)
{
    struct memcg_stock_pcp *stock;
    bool ret = true;

+ if (nr_pages > CHARGE_BATCH)
+ return false;
+
    stock = &get_cpu_var(memcg_stock);
- if (memcg == stock->cached && stock->nr_pages)
- stock->nr_pages--;
+ if (memcg == stock->cached && stock->nr_pages >= nr_pages)
+ stock->nr_pages -= nr_pages;
    else /* need to call res_counter_charge */
        ret = false;
    put_cpu_var(memcg_stock);
@@ -2346,7 +2354,7 @@ again:
    VM_BUG_ON(css_is_removed(&memcg->css));
    if (mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg))
        goto done;
- if (nr_pages == 1 && consume_stock(memcg))
+ if (consume_stock(memcg, nr_pages))
    goto done;
    css_get(&memcg->css);
} else {
@@ -2371,7 +2379,7 @@ again:

```

```
rcu_read_unlock();
goto done;
}
- if (nr_pages == 1 && consume_stock(memcg)) {
+ if (consume_stock(memcg, nr_pages)) {
/*
 * It seems dangerous to access memcg without css_get().
 * But considering how consume_stok works, it's not
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 03/13] memcg: change defines to an enum  
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This is just a cleanup patch for clarity of expression. In earlier submissions, people asked it to be in a separate patch, so here it is.

[ v2: use named enum as type throughout the file as well ]

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---  
mm/memcontrol.c | 26 ++++++-----  
1 file changed, 16 insertions(+), 10 deletions(-)

```
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index b12121b..d6ad138 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -385,9 +385,12 @@ enum charge_type {
};

/* for encoding cft->private value on file */
-#define _MEM (0)
-#define _MEMSWAP (1)
-#define _OOM_TYPE (2)
+enum res_type {
+ _MEM,
+ _MEMSWAP,
+ _OOM_TYPE,
+};
+
+#define MEMFILE_PRIVATE(x, val) ((x) << 16 | (val))
+#define MEMFILE_TYPE(val) ((val) >> 16 & 0xffff)
```

```

#define MEMFILE_ATTR(val) ((val) & 0xffff)
@@ -3921,7 +3924,8 @@ static ssize_t mem_cgroup_read(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype *cft,
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg = mem_cgroup_from_cont(cont);
    char str[64];
    u64 val;
- int type, name, len;
+ int name, len;
+ enum res_type type;

    type = MEMFILE_TYPE(cft->private);
    name = MEMFILE_ATTR(cft->private);
@@ -3957,7 +3961,8 @@ static int mem_cgroup_write(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype *cft,
    const char *buffer)
{
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg = mem_cgroup_from_cont(cont);
- int type, name;
+ enum res_type type;
+ int name;
    unsigned long long val;
    int ret;

@@ -4033,7 +4038,8 @@ out:
static int mem_cgroup_reset(struct cgroup *cont, unsigned int event)
{
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg = mem_cgroup_from_cont(cont);
- int type, name;
+ int name;
+ enum res_type type;

    type = MEMFILE_TYPE(event);
    name = MEMFILE_ATTR(event);
@@ -4369,7 +4375,7 @@ static int mem_cgroup_usage_register_event(struct cgroup *cgrp,
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg = mem_cgroup_from_cont(cgrp);
    struct mem_cgroup_thresholds *thresholds;
    struct mem_cgroup_threshold_ary *new;
- int type = MEMFILE_TYPE(cft->private);
+ enum res_type type = MEMFILE_TYPE(cft->private);
    u64 threshold, usage;
    int i, size, ret;

@@ -4452,7 +4458,7 @@ static void mem_cgroup_usage_unregister_event(struct cgroup *cgrp,
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg = mem_cgroup_from_cont(cgrp);
    struct mem_cgroup_thresholds *thresholds;
    struct mem_cgroup_threshold_ary *new;
- int type = MEMFILE_TYPE(cft->private);
+ enum res_type type = MEMFILE_TYPE(cft->private);
    u64 usage;
    int i, j, size;

```

```
@@ -4530,7 +4536,7 @@ static int mem_cgroup_oom_register_event(struct cgroup *cgrp,
{
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg = mem_cgroup_from_cont(cgrp);
    struct mem_cgroup_eventfd_list *event;
- int type = MEMFILE_TYPE(cft->private);
+ enum res_type type = MEMFILE_TYPE(cft->private);

    BUG_ON(type != _OOM_TYPE);
    event = kmalloc(sizeof(*event), GFP_KERNEL);
@@ -4555,7 +4561,7 @@ static void mem_cgroup_oom_unregister_event(struct cgroup *cgrp,
{
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg = mem_cgroup_from_cont(cgrp);
    struct mem_cgroup_eventfd_list *ev, *tmp;
- int type = MEMFILE_TYPE(cft->private);
+ enum res_type type = MEMFILE_TYPE(cft->private);

    BUG_ON(type != _OOM_TYPE);

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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 05/13] Add a \_\_GFP\_KMEMCG flag  
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This flag is used to indicate to the callees that this allocation is a kernel allocation in process context, and should be accounted to current's memcg. It takes numerical place of the of the recently removed \_\_GFP\_NO\_KSWAPD.

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```
---
include/linux/gfp.h | 7 ++++++-
1 file changed, 6 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/gfp.h b/include/linux/gfp.h
index f9bc873..d8eae4d 100644
--- a/include/linux/gfp.h
```

```

+++ b/include/linux/gfp.h
@@ -35,6 +35,11 @@ struct vm_area_struct;
 #else
 #define __GFP_NOTRACK 0
 #endif
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+#define __GFP_KMEMCG 0x400000u
+#else
+#define __GFP_KMEMCG 0
+#endif
 #define __GFP_OTHER_NODE 0x800000u
 #define __GFP_WRITE 0x1000000u

@@ -91,7 +96,7 @@ struct vm_area_struct;

 #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_KMEMCG ((__force gfp_t) __GFP_KMEMCG) /* Allocation comes from a
 memcg-accounted resource */
 /*
 * This may seem redundant, but it's a way of annotating false positives vs.
 * allocations that simply cannot be supported (e.g. page tables).
 --
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 06/13] memcg: kmem controller infrastructure  
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This patch introduces infrastructure for tracking kernel memory pages to a given memcg. This will happen whenever the caller includes the flag `__GFP_KMEMCG` flag, and the task belong to a memcg other than the root.

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

[ v2: improved comments and standardized function names ]  
[ v3: handle no longer opaque, functions not exported, even more comments ]  
[ v4: reworked Used bit handling and surroundings for more clarity ]

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```
include/linux/memcontrol.h | 97 ++++++  
mm/memcontrol.c           | 177 ++++++  
2 files changed, 274 insertions(+)
```

diff --git a/include/linux/memcontrol.h b/include/linux/memcontrol.h

index 8d9489f..82ede9a 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;
```

@@ -399,6 +400,17 @@ struct sock;

```
#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
```

```
void sock_update_memcg(struct sock *sk);
```

```
void sock_release_memcg(struct sock *sk);
```

+

```
+static inline bool memcg_kmem_enabled(void)
```

```
+{
```

```
+ return true;
```

```
+}
```

+

```
+extern bool __memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct mem_cgroup **memcg,  
+ int order);
```

```
+extern void __memcg_kmem_commit_charge(struct page *page,
```

```
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg, int order);
```

```
+extern void __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order);
```

```
#else
```

```
static inline void sock_update_memcg(struct sock *sk)
```

```
{
```

@@ -406,6 +418,91 @@ static inline void sock\_update\_memcg(struct sock \*sk)

```
static inline void sock_release_memcg(struct sock *sk)
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

+

```
+static inline bool memcg_kmem_enabled(void)
```

```
+{
```

```
+ return false;
```

```
+}
```

+

```

+static inline bool
+__memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct mem_cgroup **memcg, int order)
+{
+ return false;
+}
+
+static inline void __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order)
+{
+}
+
+static inline void
+__memcg_kmem_commit_charge(struct page *page, struct mem_cgroup *memcg, int order)
+{
+}
+#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
+
+/**
+ * memcg_kmem_newpage_charge: verify if a new kmem allocation is allowed.
+ * @gfp: the gfp allocation flags.
+ * @memcg: a pointer to the memcg this was charged against.
+ * @order: allocation order.
+ *
+ * returns true if the memcg where the current task belongs can hold this
+ * allocation.
+ *
+ * We return true automatically if this allocation is not to be accounted to
+ * any memcg.
+ */
+static __always_inline bool
+memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct mem_cgroup **memcg, int order)
+{
+ if (!memcg_kmem_enabled())
+ return true;
+
+ /*
+ * __GFP_NOFAIL allocations will move on even if charging is not
+ * possible. Therefore we don't even try, and have this allocation
+ * unaccounted. We could in theory charge it with
+ * res_counter_charge_nofail, but we hope those allocations are rare,
+ * and won't be worth the trouble.
+ */
+ if (!(gfp & __GFP_KMEMCG) || (gfp & __GFP_NOFAIL))
+ return true;
+ if (in_interrupt() || (!current->mm) || (current->flags & PF_KTHREAD))
+ return true;
+ return __memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp, memcg, order);
+}
+

```

```

+/**
+ * memcg_kmem_uncharge_page: uncharge pages from memcg
+ * @page: pointer to struct page being freed
+ * @order: allocation order.
+ *
+ * there is no need to specify memcg here, since it is embedded in page_cgroup
+ */
+static __always_inline void
+memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order)
+{
+ if (memcg_kmem_enabled())
+ __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(page, order);
+}
+
+/**
+ * memcg_kmem_commit_charge: embeds correct memcg in a page
+ * @memcg: a pointer to the memcg this was charged against.
+ * @page: pointer to struct page recently allocated
+ * @memcg: the memcg structure we charged against
+ * @order: allocation order.
+ *
+ * Needs to be called after memcg_kmem_newpage_charge, regardless of success or
+ * failure of the allocation. if @page is NULL, this function will revert the
+ * charges. Otherwise, it will commit the memcg given by @memcg to the
+ * corresponding page_cgroup.
+ */
+static __always_inline void
+memcg_kmem_commit_charge(struct page *page, struct mem_cgroup *memcg, int order)
+{
+ if (memcg_kmem_enabled() && memcg)
+ __memcg_kmem_commit_charge(page, memcg, order);
+}
+
+endif /* _LINUX_MEMCONTROL_H */

```

```
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
```

```
index f3fd354..0f36a01 100644
```

```
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
```

```
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
```

```
@@ -10,6 +10,10 @@
```

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+ * Authors: Glauber Costa and Suleiman Souhlal
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@@ -426,6 +430,9 @@ struct mem_cgroup *mem_cgroup_from_css(struct cgroup_subsys_state
*s)
#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, u64 size);
+static void memcg_uncharge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64 size);
+
void sock_update_memcg(struct sock *sk)
{
if (mem_cgroup_sockets_enabled) {
@@ -480,6 +487,110 @@ struct cg_proto *tcp_proto_cgroup(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
}
EXPORT_SYMBOL(tcp_proto_cgroup);
#endif /* CONFIG_INET */
+
+static inline bool memcg_can_account_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ return !mem_cgroup_disabled() && !mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg) &&
+ memcg->kmem_accounted;
+}
+
+/*
+ * We need to verify if the allocation against current->mm->owner's memcg is
+ * possible for the given order. But the page is not allocated yet, so we'll
+ * need a further commit step to do the final arrangements.
+ *
+ * It is possible for the task to switch cgroups in this mean time, so at
+ * commit time, we can't rely on task conversion any longer. We'll then use
+ * the handle argument to return to the caller which cgroup we should commit
+ * against. We could also return the memcg directly and avoid the pointer
+ * passing, but a boolean return value gives better semantics considering
+ * the compiled-out case as well.
+ *
+ * Returning true means the allocation is possible.
+ */
+bool
+__memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct mem_cgroup **_memcg, int order)
+{
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
+ bool ret;
+ struct task_struct *p;
+
+ *_memcg = NULL;
+ rcu_read_lock();
+ p = rcu_dereference(current->mm->owner);
+ memcg = mem_cgroup_from_task(p);

```

```

+ rcu_read_unlock();
+
+ if (!memcg_can_account_kmem(memcg))
+ return true;
+
+ mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
+
+ ret = memcg_charge_kmem(memcg, gfp, PAGE_SIZE << order) == 0;
+ if (ret)
+ *_memcg = memcg;
+ else
+ mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
+
+ return ret;
+}
+
+void __memcg_kmem_commit_charge(struct page *page, struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
+ int order)
+{
+ struct page_cgroup *pc;
+
+ WARN_ON(mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg));
+
+ /* The page allocation failed. Revert */
+ if (!page) {
+ memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
+ return;
+ }
+
+ pc = lookup_page_cgroup(page);
+ lock_page_cgroup(pc);
+ pc->mem_cgroup = memcg;
+ SetPageCgroupUsed(pc);
+ unlock_page_cgroup(pc);
+}
+
+void __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order)
+{
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg = NULL;
+ struct page_cgroup *pc;
+
+
+ pc = lookup_page_cgroup(page);
+ /*
+ * Fast unlocked return. Theoretically might have changed, have to
+ * check again after locking.
+ */
+ if (!PageCgroupUsed(pc))

```

```

+ return;
+
+ lock_page_cgroup(pc);
+ if (PageCgroupUsed(pc)) {
+ memcg = pc->mem_cgroup;
+ ClearPageCgroupUsed(pc);
+ }
+ unlock_page_cgroup(pc);
+
+ /*
+ * Checking if kmem accounted is enabled won't work for uncharge, since
+ * it is possible that the user enabled kmem tracking, allocated, and
+ * then disabled it again.
+ *
+ * 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));
+ memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
+ mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
+}
#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */

#if defined(CONFIG_INET) && defined(CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM)
@@ -5700,3 +5811,69 @@ static int __init enable_swap_account(char *s)
__setup("swapaccount=", enable_swap_account);

#endif

+
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+int memcg_charge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t gfp, u64 size)
+{
+ struct res_counter *fail_res;
+ struct mem_cgroup *_memcg;
+ int ret;
+ bool may_oom;
+ bool nofail = false;
+
+ may_oom = (gfp & __GFP_WAIT) && (gfp & __GFP_FS) &&
+ !(gfp & __GFP_NORETRY);
+
+ ret = 0;
+
+ if (!memcg)
+ return ret;

```

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+
+ _memcg = memcg;
+ ret = __mem_cgroup_try_charge(NULL, gfp, size / PAGE_SIZE,
+   &_memcg, may_oom);
+
+ if (ret == -EINTR) {
+   nofail = true;
+   /*
+    * __mem_cgroup_try_charge() chosed to bypass to root due to
+    * OOM kill or fatal signal. 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, size, &fail_res);
+   if (do_swap_account)
+     res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->memsw, size,
+       &fail_res);
+   ret = 0;
+ } else if (ret == -ENOMEM)
+   return ret;
+
+ if (nofail)
+   res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->kmem, size, &fail_res);
+ else
+   ret = res_counter_charge(&memcg->kmem, size, &fail_res);
+
+ if (ret) {
+   res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->res, size);
+   if (do_swap_account)
+     res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->memsw, size);
+ }
+
+ return ret;
+}
+
+void memcg_uncharge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64 size)
+{
+ if (!memcg)
+   return;
+
+ res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->kmem, size);
+ res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->res, size);
+ if (do_swap_account)
+   res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->memsw, size);
+}

```

```
+#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 07/13] mm: Allocate kernel pages to the right memcg  
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When a process tries to allocate a page with the `__GFP_KMEMCG` flag, the page allocator will call the corresponding memcg functions to validate the allocation. Tasks in the root memcg can always proceed.

To avoid adding markers to the page - and a kmem flag that would necessarily follow, as much as doing `page_cgroup` lookups for no reason, whoever is marking its allocations with `__GFP_KMEMCG` flag is responsible for telling the page allocator that this is such an allocation at `free_pages()` time. This is done by the invocation of `__free_accounted_pages()` and `free_accounted_pages()`.

[ v2: inverted test order to avoid a memcg\_get leak,  
free\_accounted\_pages simplification ]

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include/linux/gfp.h | 3 +++
mm/page_alloc.c    | 35 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
2 files changed, 38 insertions(+)
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```
diff --git a/include/linux/gfp.h b/include/linux/gfp.h
index d8eae4d..029570f 100644
--- a/include/linux/gfp.h
+++ b/include/linux/gfp.h
@@ -370,6 +370,9 @@ extern void free_pages(unsigned long addr, unsigned int order);
extern void free_hot_cold_page(struct page *page, int cold);
extern void free_hot_cold_page_list(struct list_head *list, int cold);

+extern void __free_accounted_pages(struct page *page, unsigned int order);
+extern void free_accounted_pages(unsigned long addr, unsigned int order);
+
#define __free_page(page) __free_pages((page), 0)
```



```

#define free_page(addr) free_pages((addr), 0)

diff --git a/mm/page_alloc.c b/mm/page_alloc.c
index b0c5a52..897d8e2 100644
--- a/mm/page_alloc.c
+++ b/mm/page_alloc.c
@@ -2573,6 +2573,7 @@ __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;
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg = NULL;

    gfp_mask &= gfp_allowed_mask;

@@ -2591,6 +2592,13 @@ __alloc_pages_nodemask(gfp_t gfp_mask, unsigned int order,
    if (unlikely(!zonelist->_zonerefs->zone))
        return NULL;

+ /*
+  * Will only have any effect when __GFP_KMEMCG is set. This is
+  * verified in the (always inline) callee
+  */
+ if (!memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_mask, &memcg, order))
+ return NULL;
+
    retry_cpuset:
        cpuset_mems_cookie = get_mems_allowed();

@@ -2624,6 +2632,8 @@ out:
    if (unlikely(!put_mems_allowed(cpuset_mems_cookie) && !page))
        goto retry_cpuset;

+ memcg_kmem_commit_charge(page, memcg, order);
+
    return page;
}
EXPORT_SYMBOL(__alloc_pages_nodemask);
@@ -2676,6 +2686,31 @@ void free_pages(unsigned long addr, unsigned int order)

EXPORT_SYMBOL(free_pages);

+/*
+ * __free_accounted_pages and free_accounted_pages will free pages allocated
+ * with __GFP_KMEMCG.
+ *
+ * Those pages are accounted to a particular memcg, embedded in the
+ * corresponding page_cgroup. To avoid adding a hit in the allocator to search
+ * for that information only to find out that it is NULL for users who have no

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```

+ * interest in that whatsoever, we provide these functions.
+ *
+ * The caller knows better which flags it relies on.
+ */
+void __free_accounted_pages(struct page *page, unsigned int order)
+{
+ memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(page, order);
+ __free_pages(page, order);
+}
+
+void free_accounted_pages(unsigned long addr, unsigned int order)
+{
+ if (addr != 0) {
+ VM_BUG_ON(!virt_addr_valid((void *)addr));
+ __free_accounted_pages(virt_to_page((void *)addr), order);
+ }
+}
+
+static void *make_alloc_exact(unsigned long addr, unsigned order, size_t size)
+{
+ if (addr) {
+ --
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 09/13] memcg: kmem accounting lifecycle management  
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Because the assignment: memcg->kmem\_accounted = true is done after the jump labels increment, we guarantee that the root memcg will always be selected until all call sites are patched (see memcg\_kmem\_enabled). This guarantees that no mischarges are applied.

Jump label decrement happens when the last reference count from the memcg dies. This will only happen when the caches are all dead.

-> /cgroups/memory/A/B/C

- \* kmem limit set at A,
- \* A and B have no tasks,
- \* span a new task in in C.

Because kmem\_accounted is a boolean that was not set for C, no accounting would be done. This is, however, not what we expect.

The basic idea, is that when a cgroup is limited, we walk the tree downwards and make sure that we store the information about the parent

being limited in `kmem_accounted`.

We do the reverse operation when a formerly limited cgroup becomes unlimited.

Since `kmem` charges may outlive the cgroup existence, we need to be extra careful to guarantee the `memcg` object will stay around for as long as needed. Up to now, we were using a `mem_cgroup_get()/put()` pair in charge and uncharge operations.

Although this guarantees that the object will be around until the last call to `uncharge`, this means an atomic update in every charge. We can do better than that if we only issue `get()` in the first charge, and then `put()` when the last charge finally goes away.

[ v3: merged all lifecycle related patches in one ]

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---  
mm/memcontrol.c | 123 +++-----  
1 file changed, 112 insertions(+), 11 deletions(-)

```
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index 0f36a01..720e4bb 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -287,7 +287,8 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
 * Should the accounting and control be hierarchical, per subtree?
 */
 bool use_hierarchy;
- bool kmem_accounted;
+
+ unsigned long kmem_accounted; /* See KMEM_ACCOUNTED_*, below */

 bool oom_lock;
 atomic_t under_oom;
@@ -340,6 +341,43 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
 #endif
 };

+enum {
+ KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE = 0, /* accounted by this cgroup itself */
```

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+ KMEM_ACCOUNTED_PARENT, /* one of its parents is active */
+ KMEM_ACCOUNTED_DEAD, /* dead memcg, pending kmem charges */
+};
+
+/* bits 0 and 1 */
+#define KMEM_ACCOUNTED_MASK 0x3
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+static bool memcg_kmem_set_active(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ return !test_and_set_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
+}
+
+static bool memcg_kmem_is_accounted(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ return test_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
+}
+
+static void memcg_kmem_set_active_parent(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ set_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_PARENT, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
+}
+
+static void memcg_kmem_mark_dead(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ if (test_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE, &memcg->kmem_accounted))
+ set_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_DEAD, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
+}
+
+static bool memcg_kmem_dead(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ return test_and_clear_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_DEAD, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
+}
+#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
+
+/* Stuffs for move charges at task migration. */
+/*
+ * Types of charges to be moved. "move_charge_at_immitgrate" is treated as a
+@@ -491,7 +529,7 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(tcp_proto_cgroup);
+static inline bool memcg_can_account_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ return !mem_cgroup_disabled() && !mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg) &&
- memcg->kmem_accounted;
+ (memcg->kmem_accounted & (KMEM_ACCOUNTED_MASK));
+}
+
+/*
+@@ -524,13 +562,9 @@ __memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct mem_cgroup

```

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**_memcg, int order)
if (!memcg_can_account_kmem(memcg))
    return true;

- mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
-
ret = memcg_charge_kmem(memcg, gfp, PAGE_SIZE << order) == 0;
if (ret)
    *_memcg = memcg;
- else
- mem_cgroup_put(memcg);

return ret;
}
@@ -589,7 +623,6 @@ void __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order)

    WARN_ON(mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg));
    memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
- mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
}
#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */

@@ -4077,6 +4110,40 @@ static ssize_t mem_cgroup_read(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype
*cft,
    len = scnprintf(str, sizeof(str), "%llu\n", (unsigned long long)val);
    return simple_read_from_buffer(buf, nbytes, ppos, str, len);
}
+
+static void memcg_update_kmem_limit(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64 val)
+{
+ #ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ struct mem_cgroup *iter;
+
+ /*
+ * When we are doing hierarchical accounting, with an hierarchy like
+ * A/B/C, we need to start accounting kernel memory all the way up to C
+ * in case A start being accounted.
+ *
+ * So when we the cgroup first gets to be unlimited, we walk all the
+ * children of the current memcg and enable kmem accounting for them.
+ * Note that a separate bit is used there to indicate that the
+ * accounting happens due to the parent being accounted.
+ *
+ * note that memcg_kmem_set_active is a test-and-set routine, so we only
+ * arrive here once (since we never disable it)
+ */
+ mutex_lock(&set_limit_mutex);
+ if ((val != RESOURCE_MAX) && memcg_kmem_set_active(memcg)) {

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+
+ mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
+
+ for_each_mem_cgroup_tree(iter, memcg) {
+ if (iter == memcg)
+ continue;
+ memcg_kmem_set_active_parent(iter);
+ }
+ }
+ mutex_unlock(&set_limit_mutex);
+#endif
+}
+
+
+/*
+ * The user of this function is...
+ * RES_LIMIT.
@@ -4115,9 +4182,7 @@ static int mem_cgroup_write(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype *cft,
if (ret)
break;

- /* For simplicity, we won't allow this to be disabled */
- if (!memcg->kmem_accounted && val != RESOURCE_MAX)
- memcg->kmem_accounted = true;
+ memcg_update_kmem_limit(memcg, val);
} else
return -EINVAL;
break;
@@ -4791,6 +4856,20 @@ static int memcg_init_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct
cgroup_subsys *ss)
static void kmem_cgroup_destroy(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
{
mem_cgroup_sockets_destroy(memcg);
+
+ memcg_kmem_mark_dead(memcg);
+
+ if (res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE) != 0)
+ return;
+
+ /*
+ * Charges already down to 0, undo mem_cgroup_get() done in the charge
+ * path here, being careful not to race with memcg_uncharge_kmem: it is
+ * possible that the charges went down to 0 between mark_dead and the
+ * res_counter read, so in that case, we don't need the put
+ */
+ if (memcg_kmem_dead(memcg))
+ mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
}
#else

```

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static int memcg_init_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct cgroup_subsys *ss)
@@ -5148,6 +5227,8 @@ mem_cgroup_create(struct cgroup *cont)
}

if (parent && parent->use_hierarchy) {
+ struct mem_cgroup __maybe_unused *p;
+
res_counter_init(&memcg->res, &parent->res);
res_counter_init(&memcg->memsw, &parent->memsw);
res_counter_init(&memcg->kmem, &parent->kmem);
@@ -5158,6 +5239,20 @@ mem_cgroup_create(struct cgroup *cont)
* mem_cgroup(see mem_cgroup_put).
*/
mem_cgroup_get(parent);
#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ /*
+ * In case a parent is already limited when we create this, we
+ * need him to propagate it now so we become limited as well.
+ */
+ mutex_lock(&set_limit_mutex);
+ for (p = parent; p != NULL; p = parent_mem_cgroup(p)) {
+ if (memcg_kmem_is_accounted(p)) {
+ memcg_kmem_set_active_parent(memcg);
+ break;
+ }
+ }
+ mutex_unlock(&set_limit_mutex);
#endif
} else {
res_counter_init(&memcg->res, NULL);
res_counter_init(&memcg->memsw, NULL);
@@ -5871,9 +5966,15 @@ void memcg_uncharge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64
size)
if (!memcg)
return;

- res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->kmem, size);
res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->res, size);
if (do_swap_account)
res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->memsw, size);
+
+ /* Not down to 0 */
+ if (res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->kmem, size))
+ return;
+
+ if (memcg_kmem_dead(memcg))
+ mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
}

```

```
#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 10/13] memcg: use static branches when code not in use  
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We can use static branches to patch the code in or out when not used.

Because the `_ACTIVATED` bit on `kmem_accounted` is only set once, we guarantee that the root memcg will always be selected until all call sites are patched (see `memcg_kmem_enabled`). This guarantees that no mischarges are applied.

static branch decrement happens when the last reference count from the kmem accounting in memcg dies. This will only happen when the charges drop down to 0.

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include/linux/memcontrol.h | 4 +++-  
mm/memcontrol.c           | 26 ++++++-----  
2 files changed, 27 insertions(+), 3 deletions(-)
```

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diff --git a/include/linux/memcontrol.h b/include/linux/memcontrol.h
```

```
index 82ede9a..4ec9fd5 100644
```

```
--- a/include/linux/memcontrol.h
```

```
+++ b/include/linux/memcontrol.h
```

```
@@ -22,6 +22,7 @@
```

```
#include <linux/cgroup.h>
```

```
#include <linux/vm_event_item.h>
```

```
#include <linux/hardirq.h>
```

```
+#include <linux/jump_label.h>
```

```
struct mem_cgroup;
```

```
struct page_cgroup;
```

```
@@ -401,9 +402,10 @@ struct sock;
```

```
void sock_update_memcg(struct sock *sk);
```

```
void sock_release_memcg(struct sock *sk);
```



```

+extern struct static_key memcg_kmem_enabled_key;
static inline bool memcg_kmem_enabled(void)
{
- return true;
+ return static_key_false(&memcg_kmem_enabled_key);
}

extern bool __memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct mem_cgroup **memcg,
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index 720e4bb..aada601 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -467,6 +467,8 @@ struct mem_cgroup *mem_cgroup_from_css(struct cgroup_subsys_state
*s)
#include <net/sock.h>
#include <net/ip.h>

+struct static_key memcg_kmem_enabled_key;
+
static bool mem_cgroup_is_root(struct mem_cgroup *memcg);
static int memcg_charge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t gfp, u64 size);
static void memcg_uncharge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64 size);
@@ -624,6 +626,16 @@ void __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order)
WARN_ON(mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg));
memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
}
+
+static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ if (memcg_kmem_is_accounted(memcg))
+ static_key_slow_dec(&memcg_kmem_enabled_key);
+}
+#else
+static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+}
+}
#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */

#if defined(CONFIG_INET) && defined(CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM)
@@ -639,6 +651,12 @@ static void disarm_sock_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
}
#endif

+static void disarm_static_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ disarm_sock_keys(memcg);
+ disarm_kmem_keys(memcg);
+}

```

```

+
static void drain_all_stock_async(struct mem_cgroup *memcg);

static struct mem_cgroup_per_zone *
@@ -4131,7 +4149,11 @@ static void memcg_update_kmem_limit(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
u64 val)
    */
    mutex_lock(&set_limit_mutex);
    if ((val != RESOURCE_MAX) && memcg_kmem_set_active(memcg)) {
-
+ /*
+  * Once the static branch is enabled it will only be
+  * disabled when the last reference to memcg is gone.
+  */
+ static_key_slow_inc(&memcg_kmem_enabled_key);
    mem_cgroup_get(memcg);

    for_each_mem_cgroup_tree(iter, memcg) {
@@ -5066,7 +5088,7 @@ static void free_work(struct work_struct *work)
    * to move this code around, and make sure it is outside
    * the cgroup_lock.
    */
- disarm_sock_keys(memcg);
+ disarm_static_keys(memcg);
    if (size < PAGE_SIZE)
        kfree(memcg);
    else
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 11/13] memcg: allow a memcg with kmem charges to be destroyed.

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Because the ultimate goal of the kmem tracking in memcg is to track slab pages as well, we can't guarantee that we'll always be able to point a page to a particular process, and migrate the charges along with it - since in the common case, a page will contain data belonging to multiple processes.

Because of that, when we destroy a memcg, we only make sure the destruction will succeed by discounting the kmem charges from the user charges when we try to empty the cgroup.

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---  
mm/memcontrol.c | 17 ++++++++  
1 file changed, 16 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)  
  
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c  
index aada601..b05ecac 100644  
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c  
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c  
@@ -631,6 +631,11 @@ static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)  
{  
    if (memcg_kmem_is_accounted(memcg))  
        static_key_slow_dec(&memcg_kmem_enabled_key);  
+ /*  
+  * This check can't live in kmem destruction function,  
+  * since the charges will outlive the cgroup  
+  */  
+ WARN_ON(res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE) != 0);  
}  
#else  
static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)  
@@ -3933,6 +3938,7 @@ static int mem_cgroup_force_empty(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, bool  
free_all)  
    int node, zid, shrink;  
    int nr_retries = MEM_CGROUP_RECLAIM_RETRIES;  
    struct cgroup *cgrp = memcg->css.cgroup;  
+ u64 usage;  
  
    css_get(&memcg->css);  
  
@@ -3966,8 +3972,17 @@ move_account:  
    mem_cgroup_end_move(memcg);  
    memcg_oom_recover(memcg);  
    cond_resched();  
+ /*  
+  * Kernel memory may not necessarily be trackable to a specific  
+  * process. So they are not migrated, and therefore we can't  
+  * expect their value to drop to 0 here.  
+  *  
+  * having res filled up with kmem only is enough  
+  */  
+ usage = res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->res, RES_USAGE) -  
+ res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE);  
    /* "ret" should also be checked to ensure all lists are empty. */
```

```
- } while (res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->res, RES_USAGE) > 0 || ret);
+ } while (usage > 0 || ret);
out:
css_put(&memcg->css);
return ret;
--
1.7.11.4
```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 12/13] execute the whole memcg freeing in rcu callback  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 14:04:09 GMT  
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A lot of the initialization we do in mem\_cgroup\_create() is done with softirqs enabled. This include grabbing a css id, which holds &ss->id\_lock->rlock, and the per-zone trees, which holds rtpz->lock->rlock. All of those signal to the lockdep mechanism that those locks can be used in SOFTIRQ-ON-W context. This means that the freeing of memcg structure must happen in a compatible context, otherwise we'll get a deadlock.

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```
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mm/memcontrol.c | 66 ++++++-----
1 file changed, 34 insertions(+), 32 deletions(-)
```

```
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index b05ecac..74654f0 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -5082,16 +5082,29 @@ out_free:
 }

/*
```

```

- * Helpers for freeing a kcalloc()/vzalloc()ed mem_cgroup by RCU,
- * but in process context. The work_freeing structure is overlaid
- * on the rcu_freeing structure, which itself is overlaid on memsw.
+ * At destroying mem_cgroup, references from swap_cgroup can remain.
+ * (scanning all at force_empty is too costly...)
+ *
+ * Instead of clearing all references at force_empty, we remember
+ * the number of reference from swap_cgroup and free mem_cgroup when
+ * it goes down to 0.
+ *
+ * Removal of cgroup itself succeeds regardless of refs from swap.
 */
-static void free_work(struct work_struct *work)
+
+static void __mem_cgroup_free(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
{
- struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
+ int node;
  int size = sizeof(struct mem_cgroup);

- memcg = container_of(work, struct mem_cgroup, work_freeing);
+ mem_cgroup_remove_from_trees(memcg);
+ free_css_id(&mem_cgroup_subsys, &memcg->css);
+
+ for_each_node(node)
+ free_mem_cgroup_per_zone_info(memcg, node);
+
+ free_percpu(memcg->stat);
+
 /*
  * We need to make sure that (at least for now), the jump label
  * destruction code runs outside of the cgroup lock. This is because
@@ -5110,38 +5123,27 @@ static void free_work(struct work_struct *work)
  vfree(memcg);
 }

-static void free_rcu(struct rcu_head *rcu_head)
- {
- struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
-
- memcg = container_of(rcu_head, struct mem_cgroup, rcu_freeing);
- INIT_WORK(&memcg->work_freeing, free_work);
- schedule_work(&memcg->work_freeing);
- }

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- free_css_id(&mem_cgroup_subsys, &memcg->css);
+ memcg = container_of(work, struct mem_cgroup, work_freeing);
+ __mem_cgroup_free(memcg);
+}

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- free_mem_cgroup_per_zone_info(memcg, node);
+static void free_rcu(struct rcu_head *rcu_head)
+{
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg;

- free_percpu(memcg->stat);
- call_rcu(&memcg->rcu_freeing, free_rcu);
+ memcg = container_of(rcu_head, struct mem_cgroup, rcu_freeing);
+ INIT_WORK(&memcg->work_freeing, free_work);
+ schedule_work(&memcg->work_freeing);
}

static void mem_cgroup_get(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
@@ -5153,7 +5155,7 @@ static void __mem_cgroup_put(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, int count)
{
if (atomic_sub_and_test(count, &memcg->refcnt)) {
struct mem_cgroup *parent = parent_mem_cgroup(memcg);
- __mem_cgroup_free(memcg);
+ call_rcu(&memcg->rcu_freeing, free_rcu);
if (parent)
mem_cgroup_put(parent);
}
--
1.7.11.4

```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 13/13] protect architectures where THREAD\_SIZE >= PAGE\_SIZE against fork bombs

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 14:04:10 GMT

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Because those architectures will draw their stacks directly from the page allocator, rather than the slab cache, we can directly pass `__GFP_KMEMCG` flag, and issue the corresponding `free_pages`.

This code path is taken when the architecture doesn't define `CONFIG_ARCH_THREAD_INFO_ALLOCATOR` (only ia64 seems to), and has `THREAD_SIZE >= PAGE_SIZE`. Luckily, most - if not all - of the remaining architectures fall in this category.

This will guarantee that every stack page is accounted to the memcg the process currently lives on, and will have the allocations to fail if they go over limit.

For the time being, I am defining a new variant of `THREADINFO_GFP`, not to mess with the other path. Once the slab is also tracked by memcg, we can get rid of that flag.

Tested to successfully protect against `:(}{ :|:& };`:

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include/linux/thread\_info.h | 2 ++

kernel/fork.c | 4 +++-

2 files changed, 4 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)

diff --git a/include/linux/thread\_info.h b/include/linux/thread\_info.h

index ccc1899..e7e0473 100644

--- a/include/linux/thread\_info.h

+++ b/include/linux/thread\_info.h

@@ -61,6 +61,8 @@ extern long do\_no\_restart\_syscall(struct restart\_block \*parm);

# define THREADINFO\_GFP (GFP\_KERNEL | \_\_GFP\_NOTRACK)

#endif

+#define THREADINFO\_GFP\_ACCOUNTED (THREADINFO\_GFP | \_\_GFP\_KMEMCG)

+

/\*

\* flag set/clear/test wrappers

```

* - pass TIF_xxxx constants to these functions
diff --git a/kernel/fork.c b/kernel/fork.c
index 0ff2bf7..897e89c 100644
--- a/kernel/fork.c
+++ b/kernel/fork.c
@@ -146,7 +146,7 @@ void __weak arch_release_thread_info(struct thread_info *ti)
static struct thread_info *alloc_thread_info_node(struct task_struct *tsk,
int node)
{
- struct page *page = alloc_pages_node(node, THREADINFO_GFP,
+ struct page *page = alloc_pages_node(node, THREADINFO_GFP_ACCOUNTED,
THREAD_SIZE_ORDER);

return page ? page_address(page) : NULL;
@@ -154,7 +154,7 @@ static struct thread_info *alloc_thread_info_node(struct task_struct *tsk,

static inline void free_thread_info(struct thread_info *ti)
{
- free_pages((unsigned long)ti, THREAD_SIZE_ORDER);
+ free_accounted_pages((unsigned long)ti, THREAD_SIZE_ORDER);
}
# else
static struct kmem_cache *thread_info_cache;
--
1.7.11.4

```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/13] Add a \_\_GFP\_KMEMCG flag  
Posted by [Rik van Riel](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 14:15:18 GMT  
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On 09/18/2012 10:04 AM, Glauber Costa wrote:  
> This flag is used to indicate to the callees that this allocation is a  
> kernel allocation in process context, and should be accounted to  
> current's memcg. It takes numerical place of the of the recently removed  
> \_\_GFP\_NO\_KSWAPD.  
>  
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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/13] Add a \_\_GFP\_KMEMCG flag  
Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 15:06:22 GMT  
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On Tue, 18 Sep 2012, Glauber Costa wrote:

```
> +++ b/include/linux/gfp.h
> @@ -35,6 +35,11 @@ struct vm_area_struct;
> #else
> #define __GFP_NOTRACK 0
> #endif
> +#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
> +#define __GFP_KMEMCG 0x400000u
> +#else
> +#define __GFP_KMEMCG 0
> +#endif
```

Could you leave \_\_GFP\_MEMCG a simple definition and then define GFP\_MEMCG to be zer0 if !MEMCG\_KMEM? I think that would be cleaner and the \_\_GFP\_KMEMCHECK another case that would be good to fix up.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/13] Add a \_\_GFP\_KMEMCG flag  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2012 07:39:33 GMT  
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Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2012 14:07:33 GMT  
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All the numeric values should be defined with \_\_ unconditionally so that  
they can be used in future context. Note the comment above the \_\_GFP\_XX  
which says "Do not use this directly".

> Also, in any case, this can be done incrementally, and for the other

> flag as well, as you describe.

There is only one other flag that does not follow the scheme. I'd  
appreciate it if you could submit a patch to fix up the \_\_GFP\_NOTRACK  
conditional there.

There is no need to do this incrementally. Do it the right way immediately.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 06/13] memcg: kmem controller infrastructure  
Posted by [JoonSoo Kim](#) on Thu, 20 Sep 2012 16:05:47 GMT

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Hi, Glauber.

2012/9/18 Glauber Costa <glommer@parallels.com>:

```
> +/*
> + * We need to verify if the allocation against current->mm->owner's memcg is
> + * possible for the given order. But the page is not allocated yet, so we'll
> + * need a further commit step to do the final arrangements.
> + *
> + * It is possible for the task to switch cgroups in this mean time, so at
> + * commit time, we can't rely on task conversion any longer. We'll then use
> + * the handle argument to return to the caller which cgroup we should commit
> + * against. We could also return the memcg directly and avoid the pointer
> + * passing, but a boolean return value gives better semantics considering
> + * the compiled-out case as well.
> + *
> + * Returning true means the allocation is possible.
> + */
> +bool
> +__memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct mem_cgroup **_memcg, int order)
> +{
> +    struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
> +    bool ret;
> +    struct task_struct *p;
> +
> +    *_memcg = NULL;
> +    rcu_read_lock();
> +    p = rcu_dereference(current->mm->owner);
> +    memcg = mem_cgroup_from_task(p);
> +    rcu_read_unlock();
> +
> +    if (!memcg_can_account_kmem(memcg))
> +        return true;
> +
> +    mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
> +
> +    ret = memcg_charge_kmem(memcg, gfp, PAGE_SIZE << order) == 0;
> +    if (ret)
> +        *_memcg = memcg;
> +    else
```

```
> +         mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
> +
> +     return ret;
> + }
```

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If I am right, it is a serious bug that affect behavior of all the patchset.

```
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> +                               int order)
> +{
> +     struct page_cgroup *pc;
> +
> +     WARN_ON(mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg));
> +
> +     /* The page allocation failed. Revert */
> +     if (!page) {
> +         memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
> +         return;
> +     }
```

In case of "!page ", mem\_cgroup\_put(memcg) is needed, because we already call "mem\_cgroup\_get(memcg)" in \_\_memcg\_kmem\_newpage\_charge().

I know that mem\_cgroup\_put()/get() will be removed in later patch, but it is important that every patch works fine.

Thanks.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 06/13] memcg: kmem controller infrastructure

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 08:41:58 GMT

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On 09/20/2012 08:05 PM, JoonSoo Kim wrote:

> Hi, Glauber.

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> 2012/9/18 Glauber Costa <glommer@parallels.com>:

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```

Which is precisely what it does. ret is a boolean, that will be true when charge succeeded (== 0 test)

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```

Okay, I'll add the put here. It is indeed missing.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 06/13] memcg: kmem controller infrastructure  
Posted by [JoonSoo Kim](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 09:14:10 GMT  
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Ahh...Okay! I didn't see (== 0 test)

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 12/13] execute the whole memcg freeing in rcu callback  
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 17:23:55 GMT  
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Hello, Glauber.

On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:04:09PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

```
> A lot of the initialization we do in mem_cgroup_create() is done with softirqs
> enabled. This include grabbing a css id, which holds &ss->id_lock->rlock, and
> the per-zone trees, which holds rtpz->lock->rlock. All of those signal to the
> lockdep mechanism that those locks can be used in SOFTIRQ-ON-W context. This
> means that the freeing of memcg structure must happen in a compatible context,
> otherwise we'll get a deadlock.
```

Lockdep requires lock to be softirq or irq safe iff the lock is actually acquired from the said context. Merely using a lock with bh

/ irq disabled doesn't signal that to lockdep; otherwise, we'll end up with enormous number of spurious warnings.

> The reference counting mechanism we use allows the memcg structure to be freed  
> later and outlive the actual memcg destruction from the filesystem. However, we  
> have little, if any, means to guarantee in which context the last memcg\_put  
> will happen. The best we can do is test it and try to make sure no invalid  
> context releases are happening. But as we add more code to memcg, the possible  
> interactions grow in number and expose more ways to get context conflicts.  
>  
> We already moved a part of the freeing to a worker thread to be context-safe  
> for the static branches disabling. I see no reason not to do it for the whole  
> freeing action. I consider this to be the safe choice.

And the above description too makes me scratch my head quite a bit. I can see what the patch is doing but can't understand the why.

\* Why was it punting the freeing to workqueue anyway? ISTR something about static\_keys but my memory fails. What changed? Why don't we need it anymore?

\* As for locking context, the above description seems a bit misleading to me. Synchronization constructs involved there currently doesn't require softirq or irq safe context. If that needs to change, that's fine but that's a completely different reason than given above.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 12/13] execute the whole memcg freeing in rcu callback  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 08:48:01 GMT  
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> above.  
>  
> Thanks.  
>

I just suck at changelogs =(

The problem here is very much like the one we had with static branches. In that case, we had the problem with the `cgroup_lock()` being held, in which case the jump label lock could not be called.

In here, after the `kmem` patches are in, the destruction function could be called directly from `memcg_kmem_uncharge_page()` when the last put is done. But this can actually be called from the page allocator, with an incompatible softirq context. So it is not that it could be called, they are actually called in that context at this point.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 06/13] memcg: kmem controller infrastructure  
Posted by [Michal Hocko](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2012 15:51:09 GMT  
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On Tue 18-09-12 18:04:03, Glauber Costa wrote:

> This patch introduces infrastructure for tracking kernel memory pages to  
> a given memcg. This will happen whenever the caller includes the flag  
> `__GFP_KMEMCG` flag, and the task belong to a memcg other than the root.  
>  
> In `memcontrol.h` those functions are wrapped in inline accessors. The  
> idea is to later on, patch those with static branches, so we don't incur  
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I think we shouldn't care about these for !MEMCG\_KMEM. It should be sufficient to define the main three functions bellow as return true resp. NOOP. This would reduce the code churn a bit and also make it better maintainable.

```

> #endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
> +
> +/**
> + * memcg_kmem_newpage_charge: verify if a new kmem allocation is allowed.
> + * @gfp: the gfp allocation flags.
> + * @memcg: a pointer to the memcg this was charged against.
> + * @order: allocation order.
> + *
> + * returns true if the memcg where the current task belongs can hold this
> + * allocation.
> + *
> + * We return true automatically if this allocation is not to be accounted to
> + * any memcg.
> + */
> +static __always_inline bool
> +memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct mem_cgroup **memcg, int order)
> +{
> + if (!memcg_kmem_enabled())
> + return true;
> +
> + /*
> + * __GFP_NOFAIL allocations will move on even if charging is not
> + * possible. Therefore we don't even try, and have this allocation
> + * unaccounted. We could in theory charge it with
> + * res_counter_charge_nofail, but we hope those allocations are rare,
> + * and won't be worth the trouble.
> + */
> + if (!(gfp & __GFP_KMEMCG) || (gfp & __GFP_NOFAIL))
> + return true;
> + if (in_interrupt() || (!current->mm) || (current->flags & PF_KTHREAD))
> + return true;
> + return __memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp, memcg, order);

```

```

> +}
> +
> +/**
> + * memcg_kmem_uncharge_page: uncharge pages from memcg
> + * @page: pointer to struct page being freed
> + * @order: allocation order.
> + *
> + * there is no need to specify memcg here, since it is embedded in page_cgroup
> + */
> +static __always_inline void
> +memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order)
> +{
> + if (memcg_kmem_enabled())
> + __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(page, order);
> +}
> +
> +/**
> + * memcg_kmem_commit_charge: embeds correct memcg in a page
> + * @memcg: a pointer to the memcg this was charged against.
    ^^^^^^^
remove this one?

> + * @page: pointer to struct page recently allocated
> + * @memcg: the memcg structure we charged against
> + * @order: allocation order.
> + *
> + * Needs to be called after memcg_kmem_newpage_charge, regardless of success or
> + * failure of the allocation. if @page is NULL, this function will revert the
> + * charges. Otherwise, it will commit the memcg given by @memcg to the
> + * corresponding page_cgroup.
> + */
> +static __always_inline void
> +memcg_kmem_commit_charge(struct page *page, struct mem_cgroup *memcg, int order)
> +{
> + if (memcg_kmem_enabled() && memcg)
> + __memcg_kmem_commit_charge(page, memcg, order);
> +}
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```

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> @@ -426,6 +430,9 @@ struct mem_cgroup *mem_cgroup_from_css(struct
cgroup_subsys_state *s)
> #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, u64 size);
> +static void memcg_uncharge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64 size);
> +

```

Why the forward declarations here? We can simply move definitions up before they are used for the first time, can't we? Besides that they are never used/defined from outside of KMEM\_MEMCG.

```

> void sock_update_memcg(struct sock *sk)
> {
> if (mem_cgroup_sockets_enabled) {
> @@ -480,6 +487,110 @@ struct cg_proto *tcp_proto_cgroup(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> }
> EXPORT_SYMBOL(tcp_proto_cgroup);
> #endif /* CONFIG_INET */
> +
> +static inline bool memcg_can_account_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> +{
> + return !mem_cgroup_disabled() && !mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg) &&
> + memcg->kmem_accounted;
> +}
> +
> +/*
> + * We need to verify if the allocation against current->mm->owner's memcg is
> + * possible for the given order. But the page is not allocated yet, so we'll
> + * need a further commit step to do the final arrangements.
> + *
> + * It is possible for the task to switch cgroups in this mean time, so at
> + * commit time, we can't rely on task conversion any longer. We'll then use
> + * the handle argument to return to the caller which cgroup we should commit
> + * against. We could also return the memcg directly and avoid the pointer
> + * passing, but a boolean return value gives better semantics considering
> + * the compiled-out case as well.
> + *
> + * Returning true means the allocation is possible.
> + */
> +bool

```

```
> +__memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct mem_cgroup **_memcg, int order)
> +{
> + struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
> + bool ret;
> + struct task_struct *p;
```

Johannes likes christmas trees ;) and /me would like to remove `p' and use mem\_cgroup\_from\_task(rcu\_dereference(current->mm->owner)) same as we do at other places (I guess it will be checkpatch safe).

```
> +
> + *_memcg = NULL;
> + rcu_read_lock();
> + p = rcu_dereference(current->mm->owner);
> + memcg = mem_cgroup_from_task(p);
```

mem\_cgroup\_from\_task says it can return NULL. Do we care here? If not then please put VM\_BUG\_ON(!memcg) here.

```
> + rcu_read_unlock();
> +
> + if (!memcg_can_account_kmem(memcg))
> + return true;
> +
> + mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
```

I am confused. Why do we take a reference to memcg rather than css\_get here? Ahh it is because we keep the reference while the page is allocated, right? Comment please.

I am still not sure whether we need css\_get here as well. How do you know that the current is not moved in parallel and it is a last task in a group which then can go away?

```
> +
> + ret = memcg_charge_kmem(memcg, gfp, PAGE_SIZE << order) == 0;
> + if (ret)
> + *_memcg = memcg;
> + else
> + mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
> +
> + return ret;
> +}
> +
> +void __memcg_kmem_commit_charge(struct page *page, struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
> + int order)
> +{
> + struct page_cgroup *pc;
```

```
> +  
> + WARN_ON(mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg));
```

Why the warn? Nobody should use this directly and memcg\_kmem\_commit\_charge takes care of the root same as \_\_memcg\_kmem\_newpage\_charge does. If it is for correctness then it should be VM\_BUG\_ON.

```
> +  
> + /* The page allocation failed. Revert */  
> + if (!page) {  
> + memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);  
> + return;  
> + }  
> +  
> + pc = lookup_page_cgroup(page);  
> + lock_page_cgroup(pc);  
> + pc->mem_cgroup = memcg;  
> + SetPageCgroupUsed(pc);  
> + unlock_page_cgroup(pc);  
> +}  
> +  
> +void __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order)  
> +{  
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> + */  
> + if (!PageCgroupUsed(pc))  
> + return;  
> +  
> + lock_page_cgroup(pc);  
> + if (PageCgroupUsed(pc)) {  
> + memcg = pc->mem_cgroup;  
> + ClearPageCgroupUsed(pc);  
> + }  
> + unlock_page_cgroup(pc);  
> +  
> + /*  
> + * Checking if kmem accounted is enabled won't work for uncharge, since  
> + * it is possible that the user enabled kmem tracking, allocated, and  
> + * then disabled it again.
```

disabling cannot happen, right?

```
> + *
> + * 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));
```

Same as above I do not see a reason for warn here. It just adds a code and if you want it for debugging then VM\_BUG\_ON sounds more appropriate. /me thinks

```
> + memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
> + mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
> +}
> #endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
>
> #if defined(CONFIG_INET) && defined(CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM)
> @@ -5700,3 +5811,69 @@ static int __init enable_swap_account(char *s)
> __setup("swapaccount=", enable_swap_account);
>
> #endif
> +
> +#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
> +int memcg_charge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t gfp, u64 size)
> +{
> + struct res_counter *fail_res;
> + struct mem_cgroup *_memcg;
> + int ret;
> + bool may_oom;
> + bool nofail = false;
> +
> + may_oom = (gfp & __GFP_WAIT) && (gfp & __GFP_FS) &&
> + !(gfp & __GFP_NORETRY);
```

A comment please? Why \_\_GFP\_IO is not considered for example?

```
> +
> + ret = 0;
> +
> + if (!memcg)
> + return ret;
```

How can we get a NULL memcg here without blowing in \_\_memcg\_kmem\_newpage\_charge?

```
> +
> + _memcg = memcg;
> + ret = __mem_cgroup_try_charge(NULL, gfp, size / PAGE_SIZE,
```

me likes >> PAGE\_SHIFT more.

```
> +   &_memcg, may_oom);
> +
> + if (ret == -EINTR) {
> +   nofail = true;
> +   /*
> +    * __mem_cgroup_try_charge() chosed to bypass to root due to
> +    * OOM kill or fatal signal. 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, size, &fail_res);
> +   if (do_swap_account)
> +     res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->memsw, size,
> +       &fail_res);
> +   ret = 0;
> + } else if (ret == -ENOMEM)
> +   return ret;
> +
> + if (nofail)
> +   res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->kmem, size, &fail_res);
> + else
> +   ret = res_counter_charge(&memcg->kmem, size, &fail_res);
> +
> + if (ret) {
> +   res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->res, size);
> +   if (do_swap_account)
> +     res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->memsw, size);
> + }
```

You could save few lines and get rid of the strange nofail by:

```
[...]
+ res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->res, size, &fail_res);
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+   res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->memsw, size,
+     &fail_res);
+ res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->kmem, size, &fail_res);
+ return 0;
+ } else if (ret == -ENOMEM)
```



```
+ return ret;
+ else
+ ret = res_counter_charge(&memcg->kmem, size, &fail_res);
+
+ if (ret) {
+ res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->res, size);
+ if (do_swap_account)
+ res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->memsw, size);
+ }

> +
> + return ret;
> +}
> +
> +void memcg_uncharge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64 size)
> +{
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> + return;
> +
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> + res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->res, size);
> + if (do_swap_account)
> + res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->memsw, size);
> +}
> +#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
> --
> 1.7.11.4
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On 09/26/2012 07:51 PM, Michal Hocko wrote:  
> On Tue 18-09-12 18:04:03, Glauber Costa wrote:  
>> This patch introduces infrastructure for tracking kernel memory pages to  
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>> void sock\_release\_memcg(struct sock \*sk);  
>> +  
>> +static inline bool memcg\_kmem\_enabled(void)  
>> +{  
>> + return true;  
>> +}

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> before they are used for the first time, can't we? Besides that they are
> never used/defined from outside of KMEM_MEMCG.
>
I see your point, given the recent patch about gcc complaining about
those things. Will change.

```

```

>> +
>> + *_memcg = NULL;
>> + rcu_read_lock();
>> + p = rcu_dereference(current->mm->owner);
>> + memcg = mem_cgroup_from_task(p);
>
> mem_cgroup_from_task says it can return NULL. Do we care here? If not
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>
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>> +
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> know that the current is not moved in parallel and it is a last task in  
> a group which then can go away?

the reference count aquired by mem\_cgroup\_get will still prevent the memcg from going away, no?

```
>> +
>> + /* The page allocation failed. Revert */
>> + if (!page) {
>> + memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
>> + return;
>> + }
>> +
>> + pc = lookup_page_cgroup(page);
>> + lock_page_cgroup(pc);
>> + pc->mem_cgroup = memcg;
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>> +
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```

not anymore, right. I can update the comment, but I still believe it is a lot saner to trust information in page\_cgroup.

```
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```
>
> You could save few lines and get rid of the strange nofail by:
> [...]
> + res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->res, size, &fail_res);
> + if (do_swap_account)
> +   res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->memsw, size,
> +     &fail_res);
> + res_counter_charge_nofail(&memcg->kmem, size, &fail_res);
> + return 0;
> + } else if (ret == -ENOMEM)
> +   return ret;
> + else
> +   ret = res_counter_charge(&memcg->kmem, size, &fail_res);
> +
> + if (ret) {
> +   res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->res, size);
> +   if (do_swap_account)
> +     res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->memsw, size);
> + }
>
indeed.
```

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Posted by [Mel Gorman](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2012 13:34:35 GMT  
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Thanks, that is certainly doable.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 06/13] memcg: kmem controller infrastructure  
Posted by [Michal Hocko](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2012 13:44:32 GMT  
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On Thu 27-09-12 15:31:57, Glauber Costa wrote:  
> On 09/26/2012 07:51 PM, Michal Hocko wrote:  
> > On Tue 18-09-12 18:04:03, Glauber Costa wrote:  
> [...]   
> >> + \*\_memcg = NULL;  
> >> + rcu\_read\_lock();  
> >> + p = rcu\_dereference(current->mm->owner);  
> >> + memcg = mem\_cgroup\_from\_task(p);  
> >>  
> > mem\_cgroup\_from\_task says it can return NULL. Do we care here? If not  
> > then please put VM\_BUG\_ON(!memcg) here.  
> >>  
> >> + rcu\_read\_unlock();  
> >> +  
> >> + if (!memcg\_can\_account\_kmem(memcg))  
> >> + return true;



```

> >> +
> >> + mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
> >
> > I am confused. Why do we take a reference to memcg rather than css_get
> > here? Ahh it is because we keep the reference while the page is
> > allocated, right? Comment please.
> ok.
>
> >
> > I am still not sure whether we need css_get here as well. How do you
> > know that the current is not moved in parallel and it is a last task in
> > a group which then can go away?
>
> the reference count aquired by mem_cgroup_get will still prevent the
> memcg from going away, no?

```

Yes but you are outside of the rcu now and we usually do `css_get` before we `rcu_unlock`. `mem_cgroup_get` just makes sure the group doesn't get deallocated but it could be gone before you call it. Or I am just confused - these 2 levels of ref counting is really not nice.

Anyway, I have just noticed that `__mem_cgroup_try_charge` does `VM_BUG_ON(css_is_removed(&memcg->css))` on a given memcg so you should keep css ref count up as well.

```

> >> + /* The page allocation failed. Revert */
> >> + if (!page) {
> >> + memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
> >> + return;
> >> + }
> >> +
> >> + pc = lookup_page_cgroup(page);
> >> + lock_page_cgroup(pc);
> >> + pc->mem_cgroup = memcg;
> >> + SetPageCgroupUsed(pc);
> >> + unlock_page_cgroup(pc);
> >> +}
> >> +
> >> +void __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order)
> >> +{
> >> + struct mem_cgroup *memcg = NULL;
> >> + struct page_cgroup *pc;
> >> +
> >> +
> >> + pc = lookup_page_cgroup(page);
> >> + /*
> >> + * Fast unlocked return. Theoretically might have changed, have to
> >> + * check again after locking.

```

```

>>> + */
>>> + if (!PageCgroupUsed(pc))
>>> + return;
>>> +
>>> + lock_page_cgroup(pc);
>>> + if (PageCgroupUsed(pc)) {
>>> + memcg = pc->mem_cgroup;
>>> + ClearPageCgroupUsed(pc);
>>> + }
>>> + unlock_page_cgroup(pc);
>>> +
>>> + /*
>>> + * Checking if kmem accounted is enabled won't work for uncharge, since
>>> + * it is possible that the user enabled kmem tracking, allocated, and
>>> + * then disabled it again.
>>> +
>>> +
>>> + disabling cannot happen, right?
>>> +
>>> + not anymore, right. I can update the comment,

```

yes, it is confusing

> but I still believe it is a lot saner to trust information in  
> page\_cgroup.

I have no objections against that. PageCgroupUsed test and using  
pc->mem\_cgroup is fine.

```

>>> + #ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
>>> + int memcg_charge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t gfp, u64 size)
>>> + {
>>> + struct res_counter *fail_res;
>>> + struct mem_cgroup *_memcg;
>>> + int ret;
>>> + bool may_oom;
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Yes `__GFP_WAIT` is clear because memcg OOM can wait for arbitrary amount of time (wait for userspace action on `oom_control`). `__GFP_NORETRY` couldn't get to oom before because oom was excluded explicitly for THP and migration didn't go through the charging path to reach the oom. But I do agree that `__GFP_NORETRY` allocations shouldn't cause the OOM because we should rather fail the allocation from kernel rather than shoot something.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 07/13] mm: Allocate kernel pages to the right memcg  
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> struct page *page = NULL;
> int migratetype = allocflags_to_migratetype(gfp_mask);
> unsigned int cpuset_mems_cookie;
> + struct mem_cgroup *memcg = NULL;
>
> gfp_mask &= gfp_allowed_mask;
>
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> + if (!memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_mask, &memcg, order))
> + return NULL;
> +

```

1. returns quickly if memcg disabled
2. returns quickly if !\_\_GFP\_KMEMCG
3. returns quickly for kernel threads and interrupts

I'm expecting that these paths are completely dead when kmem accounting is off so

Acked-by: Mel Gorman <mgorman@suse.de>

That said, it's not directly related to this patch but I would suggest that

you also check for TIF\_MEMDIE in memcg\_kmem\_newpage\_charge. It would be very silly if a process failed to exit because it couldn't allocate a page it needed. I expect that such a case is impossible today but it might change in the future. If you're doing another revision, an extra check would not hurt.

It's difficult to predict if it should be making all the checks that gfp\_to\_alloc\_flags() does but you might need to in the future so keep it in mind.

```
> retry_cpuset:
> cpuset_mems_cookie = get_mems_allowed();
>
> @@ -2624,6 +2632,8 @@ out:
> if (unlikely(!put_mems_allowed(cpuset_mems_cookie) && !page))
> goto retry_cpuset;
>
> + memcg_kmem_commit_charge(page, memcg, order);
> +
> return page;
```

Ok.

```
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> +
```

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> +{
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IIRC, css\_get will prevent the cgroup directory from being removed.  
Because some allocations are expected to outlive the cgroup, we  
specifically don't want that.

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Since you said yourself in other points in this thread that you are fine with some page references outliving the cgroup in the case of slab, this is a situation that comes with the code, not a situation that was incidentally there, and we're making use of.

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It is on my todo list but I didn't get to it yet. I am not sure we can get rid of `css_get` though - will have to think about that.

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I would do the same thing \_\_mem\_cgroup\_try\_charge does.

retry:

```
rcu_read_lock();
p = rcu_dereference(mm->owner);
if (!css_tryget(&memcg->css)) {
    rcu_read_unlock();
    goto retry;
}
rcu_read_unlock();
```

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Posted by [Michal Hocko](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 11:58:47 GMT

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In any case, umem would also suffer from double reference, so I'm fine  
taking it here as well, since a solution for that is orthogonal.

I still need mem\_cgroup\_get() to make sure the data structure stays  
around, but we only need to do it once at first charge.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/13] memcg: kmem accounting lifecycle management  
Posted by [Michal Hocko](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 12:15:53 GMT  
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Based on the previous discussions I guess this one will get reworked,  
right?

On Tue 18-09-12 18:04:06, Glauber Costa wrote:

> Because the assignment: memcg->kmem\_accounted = true is done after the  
> jump labels increment, we guarantee that the root memcg will always be  
> selected until all call sites are patched (see memcg\_kmem\_enabled).  
> This guarantees that no mischarges are applied.  
>  
> Jump label decrement happens when the last reference count from the  
> memcg dies. This will only happen when the caches are all dead.  
>  
> -> /cgroups/memory/A/B/C  
>  
> \* kmem limit set at A,  
> \* A and B have no tasks,  
> \* span a new task in in C.  
>  
> Because kmem\_accounted is a boolean that was not set for C, no  
> accounting would be done. This is, however, not what we expect.  
>  
> The basic idea, is that when a cgroup is limited, we walk the tree  
> downwards and make sure that we store the information about the parent  
> being limited in kmem\_accounted.  
>  
> We do the reverse operation when a formerly limited cgroup becomes  
> unlimited.  
>  
> Since kmem charges may outlive the cgroup existence, we need to be extra

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> careful to guarantee the memcg object will stay around for as long as
> needed. Up to now, we were using a mem_cgroup_get()/put() pair in charge
> and uncharge operations.
>
> Although this guarantees that the object will be around until the last
> call to uncharge, this means an atomic update in every charge. We can do
> better than that if we only issue get() in the first charge, and then
> put() when the last charge finally goes away.
>
> [ v3: merged all lifecycle related patches in one ]
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> Signed-off-by: Glauber Costa <glommer@parallels.com>
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> ---
> mm/memcontrol.c | 123 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++-----
> 1 file changed, 112 insertions(+), 11 deletions(-)
>
> diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
> index 0f36a01..720e4bb 100644
> --- a/mm/memcontrol.c
> +++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
> @@ -287,7 +287,8 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
>  * Should the accounting and control be hierarchical, per subtree?
>  */
>  bool use_hierarchy;
> - bool kmem_accounted;
> +
> + unsigned long kmem_accounted; /* See KMEM_ACCOUNTED_*, below */
>
>  bool oom_lock;
>  atomic_t under_oom;
> @@ -340,6 +341,43 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
> #endif
> };
>
> +enum {
> + KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE = 0, /* accounted by this cgroup itself */
> + KMEM_ACCOUNTED_PARENT, /* one of its parents is active */
> + KMEM_ACCOUNTED_DEAD, /* dead memcg, pending kmem charges */
> +};
> +
> +/* bits 0 and 1 */
> +#define KMEM_ACCOUNTED_MASK 0x3

```

```

> +
> +#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
> +static bool memcg_kmem_set_active(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> +{
> + return !test_and_set_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
> +}
> +
> +static bool memcg_kmem_is_accounted(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> +{
> + return test_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
> +}
> +
> +static void memcg_kmem_set_active_parent(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> +{
> + set_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_PARENT, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
> +}
> +
> +static void memcg_kmem_mark_dead(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> +{
> + if (test_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE, &memcg->kmem_accounted))
> + set_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_DEAD, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
> +}
> +
> +static bool memcg_kmem_dead(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> +{
> + return test_and_clear_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_DEAD, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
> +}
> +#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
> +
> /* Stuffs for move charges at task migration. */
> /*
> * Types of charges to be moved. "move_charge_at_immitgrate" is treated as a
> @@ -491,7 +529,7 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(tcp_proto_cgroup);
> static inline bool memcg_can_account_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> {
> return !mem_cgroup_disabled() && !mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg) &&
> - memcg->kmem_accounted;
> + (memcg->kmem_accounted & (KMEM_ACCOUNTED_MASK));
> }
>
> /*
> @@ -524,13 +562,9 @@ __memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct mem_cgroup
**_memcg, int order)
> if (!memcg_can_account_kmem(memcg))
> return true;
>
> - mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
> -

```

```

> ret = memcg_charge_kmem(memcg, gfp, PAGE_SIZE << order) == 0;
> if (ret)
> * _memcg = memcg;
> - else
> - mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
>
> return ret;
> }
> @@ -589,7 +623,6 @@ void __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order)
>
> WARN_ON(mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg));
> memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
> - mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
> }
> #endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
>
> @@ -4077,6 +4110,40 @@ static ssize_t mem_cgroup_read(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype
*cft,
> len = scnprintf(str, sizeof(str), "%llu\n", (unsigned long long)val);
> return simple_read_from_buffer(buf, nbytes, ppos, str, len);
> }
> +
> +static void memcg_update_kmem_limit(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64 val)
> +{
> +#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
> + struct mem_cgroup *iter;
> +
> + /*
> + * When we are doing hierarchical accounting, with an hierarchy like
> + * A/B/C, we need to start accounting kernel memory all the way up to C
> + * in case A start being accounted.
> + *
> + * So when we the cgroup first gets to be unlimited, we walk all the
> + * children of the current memcg and enable kmem accounting for them.
> + * Note that a separate bit is used there to indicate that the
> + * accounting happens due to the parent being accounted.
> + *
> + * note that memcg_kmem_set_active is a test-and-set routine, so we only
> + * arrive here once (since we never disable it)
> + */
> + mutex_lock(&set_limit_mutex);
> + if ((val != RESOURCE_MAX) && memcg_kmem_set_active(memcg)) {
> +
> + mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
> +
> + for_each_mem_cgroup_tree(iter, memcg) {
> + if (iter == memcg)
> + continue;

```

```

> + memcg_kmem_set_active_parent(iter);
> + }
> + }
> + mutex_unlock(&set_limit_mutex);
> +#endif
> +}
> +
> /*
> * The user of this function is...
> * RES_LIMIT.
> @@ -4115,9 +4182,7 @@ static int mem_cgroup_write(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype *cft,
> if (ret)
> break;
>
> - /* For simplicity, we won't allow this to be disabled */
> - if (!memcg->kmem_accounted && val != RESOURCE_MAX)
> - memcg->kmem_accounted = true;
> + memcg_update_kmem_limit(memcg, val);
> } else
> return -EINVAL;
> break;
> @@ -4791,6 +4856,20 @@ static int memcg_init_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct
cgroup_subsys *ss)
> static void kmem_cgroup_destroy(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> {
> mem_cgroup_sockets_destroy(memcg);
> +
> + memcg_kmem_mark_dead(memcg);
> +
> + if (res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE) != 0)
> + return;
> +
> + /*
> + * Charges already down to 0, undo mem_cgroup_get() done in the charge
> + * path here, being careful not to race with memcg_uncharge_kmem: it is
> + * possible that the charges went down to 0 between mark_dead and the
> + * res_counter read, so in that case, we don't need the put
> + */
> + if (memcg_kmem_dead(memcg))
> + mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
> }
> #else
> static int memcg_init_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct cgroup_subsys *ss)
> @@ -5148,6 +5227,8 @@ mem_cgroup_create(struct cgroup *cont)
> }
>
> if (parent && parent->use_hierarchy) {
> + struct mem_cgroup __maybe_unused *p;

```

```

> +
> res_counter_init(&memcg->res, &parent->res);
> res_counter_init(&memcg->memsw, &parent->memsw);
> res_counter_init(&memcg->kmem, &parent->kmem);
> @@ -5158,6 +5239,20 @@ mem_cgroup_create(struct cgroup *cont)
> * mem_cgroup(see mem_cgroup_put).
> */
> mem_cgroup_get(parent);
> +#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
> + /*
> + * In case a parent is already limited when we create this, we
> + * need him to propagate it now so we become limited as well.
> + */
> + mutex_lock(&set_limit_mutex);
> + for (p = parent; p != NULL; p = parent_mem_cgroup(p)) {
> + if (memcg_kmem_is_accounted(p)) {
> + memcg_kmem_set_active_parent(memcg);
> + break;
> + }
> + }
> + mutex_unlock(&set_limit_mutex);
> +#endif
> } else {
> res_counter_init(&memcg->res, NULL);
> res_counter_init(&memcg->memsw, NULL);
> @@ -5871,9 +5966,15 @@ void memcg_uncharge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64
size)
> if (!memcg)
> return;
>
> - res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->kmem, size);
> res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->res, size);
> if (do_swap_account)
> res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->memsw, size);
> +
> + /* Not down to 0 */
> + if (res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->kmem, size))
> + return;
> +
> + if (memcg_kmem_dead(memcg))
> + mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
> }
> #endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 10/13] memcg: use static branches when code not in use  
Posted by [Michal Hocko](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 12:25:17 GMT

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[...]

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> @@ -22,6 +22,7 @@
> #include <linux/cgroup.h>
> #include <linux/vm_event_item.h>
> #include <linux/hardirq.h>
> +#include <linux/jump_label.h>
>
> struct mem_cgroup;
> struct page_cgroup;
> @@ -401,9 +402,10 @@ struct sock;
> void sock_update_memcg(struct sock *sk);
> void sock_release_memcg(struct sock *sk);
>
> +extern struct static_key memcg_kmem_enabled_key;
> static inline bool memcg_kmem_enabled(void)
> {
> - return true;
> + return static_key_false(&memcg_kmem_enabled_key);
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> @@ -467,6 +467,8 @@ struct mem_cgroup *mem_cgroup_from_css(struct
cgroup_subsys_state *s)
```

```

> #include <net/sock.h>
> #include <net/ip.h>
>
> +struct static_key memcg_kmem_enabled_key;
> +
> static bool mem_cgroup_is_root(struct mem_cgroup *memcg);
> static int memcg_charge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t gfp, u64 size);
> static void memcg_uncharge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64 size);
> @@ -624,6 +626,16 @@ void __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order)
> WARN_ON(mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg));
> memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
> }
> +
> +static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> +{
> + if (memcg_kmem_is_accounted(memcg))
> + static_key_slow_dec(&memcg_kmem_enabled_key);
> +}
> +#else
> +static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> +{
> +}
> #endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
>
> #if defined(CONFIG_INET) && defined(CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM)
> @@ -639,6 +651,12 @@ static void disarm_sock_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> }
> #endif
>
> +static void disarm_static_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> +{
> + disarm_sock_keys(memcg);
> + disarm_kmem_keys(memcg);
> +}
> +
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>
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> @@ -4131,7 +4149,11 @@ static void memcg_update_kmem_limit(struct mem_cgroup
> *memcg, u64 val)
> */
> mutex_lock(&set_limit_mutex);
> if ((val != RESOURCE_MAX) && memcg_kmem_set_active(memcg)) {
> -
> + /*
> + * Once the static branch is enabled it will only be
> + * disabled when the last reference to memcg is gone.
> + */

```

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> + static_key_slow_inc(&memcg_kmem_enabled_key);
```

I guess the reason why we do not need to inc also for children is that we do not inherit kmem\_accounted, right?

```
> mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
>
> for_each_mem_cgroup_tree(iter, memcg) {
> @@ -5066,7 +5088,7 @@ static void free_work(struct work_struct *work)
> * to move this code around, and make sure it is outside
> * the cgroup_lock.
> */
> - disarm_sock_keys(memcg);
> + disarm_static_keys(memcg);
> if (size < PAGE_SIZE)
> kfree(memcg);
> else
> --
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Yes, but I of course changed that in the upcoming version of the patch. We now inherit the value everytime, and the static branches are updated accordingly.

Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/13] memcg: kmem accounting lifecycle management  
 Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 12:29:11 GMT  
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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 11/13] memcg: allow a memcg with kmem charges to be destructed.

Posted by [Michal Hocko](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 12:30:36 GMT

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On Tue 18-09-12 18:04:08, Glauber Costa wrote:

> Because the ultimate goal of the kmem tracking in memcg is to track slab  
> pages as well, we can't guarantee that we'll always be able to point a  
> page to a particular process, and migrate the charges along with it -  
> since in the common case, a page will contain data belonging to multiple  
> processes.

>  
> Because of that, when we destroy a memcg, we only make sure the  
> destruction will succeed by discounting the kmem charges from the user  
> charges when we try to empty the cgroup.

>  
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Looks good.

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> ---

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> 1 file changed, 16 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)

>  
> diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c  
> index aada601..b05ecac 100644

> --- a/mm/memcontrol.c

> +++ b/mm/memcontrol.c

> @@ -631,6 +631,11 @@ static void disarm\_kmem\_keys(struct mem\_cgroup \*memcg)

> {

> if (memcg\_kmem\_is\_accounted(memcg))

> static\_key\_slow\_dec(&memcg\_kmem\_enabled\_key);

> + /\*

> + \* This check can't live in kmem destruction function,

> + \* since the charges will outlive the cgroup

> + \*/

> + WARN\_ON(res\_counter\_read\_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES\_USAGE) != 0);

> }

> #else

> static void disarm\_kmem\_keys(struct mem\_cgroup \*memcg)

> @@ -3933,6 +3938,7 @@ static int mem\_cgroup\_force\_empty(struct mem\_cgroup \*memcg,  
bool free\_all)

```
> int node, zid, shrink;
> int nr_retries = MEM_CGROUP_RECLAIM_RETRIES;
> struct cgroup *cgrp = memcg->css.cgroup;
> + u64 usage;
>
> css_get(&memcg->css);
>
> @@ -3966,8 +3972,17 @@ move_account:
> mem_cgroup_end_move(memcg);
> memcg_oom_recover(memcg);
> cond_resched();
> + /*
> + * Kernel memory may not necessarily be trackable to a specific
> + * process. So they are not migrated, and therefore we can't
> + * expect their value to drop to 0 here.
> + *
> + * having res filled up with kmem only is enough
> + */
> + usage = res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->res, RES_USAGE) -
> + res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE);
> /* "ret" should also be checked to ensure all lists are empty. */
> - } while (res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->res, RES_USAGE) > 0 || ret);
> + } while (usage > 0 || ret);
> out:
> css_put(&memcg->css);
> return ret;
> --
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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/13] memcg: kmem accounting lifecycle management  
Posted by [Michal Hocko](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 12:36:54 GMT  
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On Mon 01-10-12 16:29:11, Glauber Costa wrote:

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> >
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Is it OK if I hold on with the review of this one until the next version?

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/13] memcg: kmem accounting lifecycle management  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 12:43:05 GMT  
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>  
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> version?  
>  
Of course.

I haven't sent it yet because I also received a lot more feedback for the slab part (which is expected), and I want to get a least part of that going before I send it again.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 13/13] protect architectures where THREAD\_SIZE >= PAGE\_SIZE against fork bombs  
Posted by [Michal Hocko](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 13:17:09 GMT  
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On Tue 18-09-12 18:04:10, Glauber Costa wrote:  
> Because those architectures will draw their stacks directly from the  
> page allocator, rather than the slab cache, we can directly pass  
> \_\_GFP\_KMEMCG flag, and issue the corresponding free\_pages.  
>



> This code path is taken when the architecture doesn't define  
 > CONFIG\_ARCH\_THREAD\_INFO\_ALLOCATOR (only ia64 seems to), and has  
 > THREAD\_SIZE >= PAGE\_SIZE. Luckily, most - if not all - of the remaining  
 > architectures fall in this category.  
 >  
 > This will guarantee that every stack page is accounted to the memcg the  
 > process currently lives on, and will have the allocations to fail if  
 > they go over limit.  
 >  
 > For the time being, I am defining a new variant of THREADINFO\_GFP, not  
 > to mess with the other path. Once the slab is also tracked by memcg, we  
 > can get rid of that flag.  
 >  
 > Tested to successfully protect against :(){ :|:& };:

OK. Although I was complaining that this is not the full truth the last time, I do not insist on gravy details about the slaughter this will cause to the rest of the group and that who-ever could fork in the group can easily DOS the whole hierarchy. It has some interesting side effects as well but let's keep this to a careful reader ;)

The patch, as is, is still useful and an improvement because it reduces the impact.

>  
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 > include/linux/thread\_info.h | 2 ++  
 > kernel/fork.c | 4 +++-  
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 >  
 > diff --git a/include/linux/thread\_info.h b/include/linux/thread\_info.h  
 > index ccc1899..e7e0473 100644  
 > --- a/include/linux/thread\_info.h  
 > +++ b/include/linux/thread\_info.h  
 > @@ -61,6 +61,8 @@ extern long do\_no\_restart\_syscall(struct restart\_block \*parm);  
 > # define THREADINFO\_GFP (GFP\_KERNEL | \_\_GFP\_NOTRACK)  
 > #endif

```
>
> + #define THREADINFO_GFP_ACCOUNTED (THREADINFO_GFP | __GFP_KMEMCG)
> +
> /*
> * flag set/clear/test wrappers
> * - pass TIF_xxxx constants to these functions
> diff --git a/kernel/fork.c b/kernel/fork.c
> index 0ff2bf7..897e89c 100644
> --- a/kernel/fork.c
> +++ b/kernel/fork.c
> @@ -146,7 +146,7 @@ void __weak arch_release_thread_info(struct thread_info *ti)
> static struct thread_info *alloc_thread_info_node(struct task_struct *tsk,
>     int node)
> {
> - struct page *page = alloc_pages_node(node, THREADINFO_GFP,
> + struct page *page = alloc_pages_node(node, THREADINFO_GFP_ACCOUNTED,
>     THREAD_SIZE_ORDER);
>
> return page ? page_address(page) : NULL;
> @@ -154,7 +154,7 @@ static struct thread_info *alloc_thread_info_node(struct task_struct
> *tsk,
>
> static inline void free_thread_info(struct thread_info *ti)
> {
> - free_pages((unsigned long)ti, THREAD_SIZE_ORDER);
> + free_accounted_pages((unsigned long)ti, THREAD_SIZE_ORDER);
> }
> # else
> static struct kmem_cache *thread_info_cache;
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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 12/13] execute the whole memcg freeing in rcu callback  
Posted by [Michal Hocko](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 13:27:11 GMT  
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On Tue 18-09-12 18:04:09, Glauber Costa wrote:  
> A lot of the initialization we do in mem\_cgroup\_create() is done with softirqs

> enabled. This include grabbing a css id, which holds &ss->id\_lock->rlock, and  
> the per-zone trees, which holds rtpz->lock->rlock. All of those signal to the  
> lockdep mechanism that those locks can be used in SOFTIRQ-ON-W context. This  
> means that the freeing of memcg structure must happen in a compatible context,  
> otherwise we'll get a deadlock.

Maybe I am missing something obvious but why cannot we simply disble  
(soft)irqs in mem\_cgroup\_create rather than make the free path much more  
complicated. It really feels strange to defer everything (e.g. soft  
reclaim tree cleanup which should be a no-op at the time because there  
shouldn't be any user pages in the group).

> The reference counting mechanism we use allows the memcg structure to be freed  
> later and outlive the actual memcg destruction from the filesystem. However, we  
> have little, if any, means to guarantee in which context the last memcg\_put  
> will happen. The best we can do is test it and try to make sure no invalid  
> context releases are happening. But as we add more code to memcg, the possible  
> interactions grow in number and expose more ways to get context conflicts.

>  
> We already moved a part of the freeing to a worker thread to be context-safe  
> for the static branches disabling. I see no reason not to do it for the whole  
> freeing action. I consider this to be the safe choice.

>  
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> @@ -5082,16 +5082,29 @@ out\_free:  
> }  
>  
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> +
> + for_each_node(node)
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> + free_percpu(memcg->stat);
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> @@ -5110,38 +5123,27 @@ static void free_work(struct work_struct *work)
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> -
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> static void mem_cgroup_get(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> @@ -5153,7 +5155,7 @@ static void __mem_cgroup_put(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, int
count)
> {
> if (atomic_sub_and_test(count, &memcg->refcnt)) {
> struct mem_cgroup *parent = parent_mem_cgroup(memcg);
> - __mem_cgroup_free(memcg);
> + call_rcu(&memcg->rcu_freeing, free_rcu);
> if (parent)
> mem_cgroup_put(parent);
> }
> --
> 1.7.11.4
>
> --
> To unsubscribe from this list: send the line "unsubscribe cgroups" in
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Michal Hocko  
SUSE Labs

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 01/13] memcg: Make it possible to use the stock for more than one page.

Posted by [Johannes Weiner](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 18:48:12 GMT

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On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:03:58PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

> From: Suleiman Souhlal <ssouhlal@FreeBSD.org>

>

> We currently have a percpu stock cache scheme that charges one page at a  
> time from memcg->res, the user counter. When the kernel memory  
> controller comes into play, we'll need to charge more than that.

>

> This is because kernel memory allocations will also draw from the user  
> counter, and can be bigger than a single page, as it is the case with  
> the stack (usually 2 pages) or some higher order slabs.

>

> [ glommer@parallels.com: added a changelog ]

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> Signed-off-by: Suleiman Souhlal <suleiman@google.com>

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

> Acked-by: David Rientjes <rientjes@google.com>

> Acked-by: Kamezawa Hiroyuki <kamezawa.hiroyu@jp.fujitsu.com>

> Acked-by: Michal Hocko <mhocko@suse.cz>

Independent of how the per-subtree enable-through-setting-limit  
discussion pans out, we're going to need the charge cache, so:

Acked-by: Johannes Weiner <hannes@cmpxchg.org>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 03/13] memcg: change defines to an enum

Posted by [Johannes Weiner](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 19:06:52 GMT

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On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:04:00PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

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Should probably be the first in the series to get the cleanups out of the way :-)

Acked-by: Johannes Weiner <hannes@cmpxchg.org>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/13] Add a \_\_GFP\_KMEMCG flag  
Posted by [Johannes Weiner](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 19:09:05 GMT  
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On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:04:02PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:  
> This flag is used to indicate to the callees that this allocation is a  
> kernel allocation in process context, and should be accounted to  
> current's memcg. It takes numerical place of the of the recently removed  
> \_\_GFP\_NO\_KSWAPD.  
>  
> Signed-off-by: Glauber Costa <glommer@parallels.com>  
> CC: Christoph Lameter <cl@linux.com>  
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With the feedback from Christoph and Mel incorporated:

Acked-by: Johannes Weiner <hannes@cmpxchg.org>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 03/13] memcg: change defines to an enum  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2012 09:10:23 GMT  
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>  
> If you guys want to merge this separately, be my guest =)

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 06/13] memcg: kmem controller infrastructure  
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2012 22:11:51 GMT  
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Hello, Glauber.

Sorry about late replies. I've been traveling for the Korean  
thanksgiving holidays.

On Mon, Oct 01, 2012 at 12:28:28PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

> > That synchronous ref draining is going away. Maybe we can do that  
> > before kmemcg? Michal, do you have some timeframe on mind?  
>  
> Since you said yourself in other points in this thread that you are fine  
> with some page references outliving the cgroup in the case of slab, this  
> is a situation that comes with the code, not a situation that was  
> incidentally there, and we're making use of.

Hmmm? Not sure what you're trying to say but I wanted to say that  
this should be okay once the scheduled memcg pre\_destroy change  
happens and nudge Michal once more.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 12/13] execute the whole memcg freeing in rcu callback  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Thu, 04 Oct 2012 10:53:13 GMT  
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On 10/01/2012 05:27 PM, Michal Hocko wrote:

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Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Thu, 04 Oct 2012 14:20:07 GMT  
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mem\_cgroup\_remove\_exceeded(), called from mem\_cgroup\_remove\_from\_trees()  
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As for the changelog, here is my attempt:

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mm: memcg: defer whole memcg tear-down to workqueue

The final memcg put can already happen in atomic context and so the freeing is deferred to a workqueue because it needs to use vfree().

Kmem tracking will add freeing from softirq context, but the id\_lock acquired when destroying the cgroup object is not softirq safe, e.g.:

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To avoid making tear-down too complicated - making locks soft irq safe, having half the cleanup in one function on the other half somewhere else - just defer everything to the workqueue.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 12/13] execute the whole memcg freeing in rcu callback

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 08 Oct 2012 09:45:35 GMT

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On 10/05/2012 07:31 PM, Johannes Weiner wrote:

> On Thu, Oct 04, 2012 at 02:53:13PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

>> On 10/01/2012 05:27 PM, Michal Hocko wrote:

>>> On Tue 18-09-12 18:04:09, Glauber Costa wrote:

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>>>> lockdep mechanism that those locks can be used in SOFTIRQ-ON-W context. This  
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>>> reclaim tree cleanup which should be a no-op at the time because there  
>>> shouldn't be any user pages in the group).

>>>

>>

>> Ok.

>>

>> I was just able to come back to this today - I was mostly working on the  
>> slab feedback over the past few days. I will answer yours and Tejun's  
>> concerns at once:

>>

>> Here is the situation: the backtrace I get is this one:

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>> [ 124.956725] =====  
>> [ 124.957217] [ INFO: inconsistent lock state ]  
>> [ 124.957217] 3.5.0+ #99 Not tainted  
>> [ 124.957217] -----  
>> [ 124.957217] inconsistent {SOFTIRQ-ON-W} -> {IN-SOFTIRQ-W} usage.  
>> [ 124.957217] ksoftirqd/0/3 [HC0[0]:SC1[1]:HE1:SE0] takes:  
>> [ 124.957217] (&&ss->id_lock)->rlock){+?.?..}, at:  
>> [<ffffffff810aa7b2>] spin_lock+0x9/0xb  
>> [ 124.957217] {SOFTIRQ-ON-W} state was registered at:  
>> [ 124.957217] [<ffffffff810996ed>] __lock_acquire+0x31f/0xd68  
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>> [ 124.957217] [<ffffffff810ad0da>] cgroup_init_idr+0x42/0x60  
>> [ 124.957217] [<ffffffff81b20e04>] cgroup_init+0x50/0x100  
>> [ 124.957217] [<ffffffff81b05b9b>] start_kernel+0x3b9/0x3ee  
>> [ 124.957217] [<ffffffff81b052d6>] x86_64_start_reservations+0xb1/0xb5  
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