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Subject: [PATCH v3 00/16] slab accounting for memcg  
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This is a followup to the previous kmem series. I divided them logically so it gets easier for reviewers. But I believe they are ready to be merged together (although we can do a two-pass merge if people would prefer)

Throwaway git tree found at:

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

There are mostly bugfixes since last submission.

For a detailed explanation about this series, please refer to my previous post (Subj: [PATCH v3 00/13] kmem controller for memcg.)

Glauber Costa (16):

- slab/slub: struct memcg\_params
- slub: use free\_page instead of put\_page for freeing kmalloc allocation
- slab: Ignore the cflgs bit in cache creation
- provide a common place for initcall processing in kmem\_cache
- consider a memcg parameter in kmem\_create\_cache
- memcg: infrastructure to match an allocation to the right cache
- memcg: skip memcg kmem allocations in specified code regions
- slab: allow enable\_cpu\_cache to use preset values for its tunables
- sl[au]b: always get the cache from its page in kfree
- sl[au]b: Allocate objects from memcg cache
- memcg: destroy memcg caches
- memcg/sl[au]b Track all the memcg children of a kmem\_cache.
- slab: slab-specific propagation changes.
- slub: slub-specific propagation changes.
- memcg/sl[au]b: shrink dead caches
- Add documentation about the kmem controller

```
Documentation/cgroups/memory.txt | 73 ++++++-
include/linux/memcontrol.h       | 60 ++++++
include/linux/sched.h            | 1 +
include/linux/slab.h             | 23 +++
include/linux/slab_def.h         | 4 +
include/linux/slub_def.h        | 18 +-
init/Kconfig                     | 2 +-
mm/memcontrol.c                  | 403 ++++++
mm/slab.c                        | 70 ++++++
mm/slab.h                        | 72 ++++++
mm/slab_common.c                 | 85 ++++++

```

```
mm/slob.c          | 5 +
mm/slub.c          | 54 +++++-
13 files changed, 829 insertions(+), 41 deletions(-)
```

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For the kmem slab controller, we need to record some extra information in the kmem\_cache structure.

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---  
include/linux/slab.h | 7 ++++++++  
include/linux/slab\_def.h | 4 ++++  
include/linux/slub\_def.h | 3 +++  
3 files changed, 14 insertions(+)

```
diff --git a/include/linux/slab.h b/include/linux/slab.h
index 0dd2dfa..3152bcd 100644
--- a/include/linux/slab.h
+++ b/include/linux/slab.h
@@ -177,6 +177,13 @@ unsigned int kmem_cache_size(struct kmem_cache *);
#define ARCH_SLAB_MINALIGN __alignof__(unsigned long long)
#endif
```

```
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+struct mem_cgroup_cache_params {
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
+ int id;
+};
+#endif
+
+/*
+ * Common kmalloc functions provided by all allocators
+ */
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/slab_def.h b/include/linux/slab_def.h
index 0c634fa..39c5e9d 100644
```

```

--- a/include/linux/slab_def.h
+++ b/include/linux/slab_def.h
@@ -83,6 +83,10 @@ struct kmem_cache {
    int obj_offset;
#endif /* CONFIG_DEBUG_SLAB */

#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ struct mem_cgroup_cache_params memcg_params;
#endif
+
/* 6) per-cpu/per-node data, touched during every alloc/free */
/*
 * We put array[] at the end of kmem_cache, because we want to size
diff --git a/include/linux/slub_def.h b/include/linux/slub_def.h
index df448ad..8bb8ad2 100644
--- a/include/linux/slub_def.h
+++ b/include/linux/slub_def.h
@@ -101,6 +101,9 @@ struct kmem_cache {
#ifdef CONFIG_SYSFS
    struct kobject kobj; /* For sysfs */
#endif
#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ struct mem_cgroup_cache_params memcg_params;
#endif

#ifdef CONFIG_NUMA
/*
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 02/16] slub: use free\_page instead of put\_page for freeing kmalloc allocation

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When freeing objects, the slub allocator will most of the time free empty pages by calling `__free_pages()`. But high-order kmalloc will be disposed by means of `put_page()` instead. It makes no sense to call `put_page()` in kernel pages that are provided by the object allocators, so we shouldn't be doing this ourselves. Aside from the consistency change, we don't change the flow too much. `put_page()`'s would call its dtor function, which is `__free_pages`. We also already do all of the Compound page tests ourselves, and the Mlock test we lose don't really matter.

[v2: modified Changelog ]

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mm/slub.c | 2 +-  
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)

```
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index 9f86353..09a91d0 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -3451,7 +3451,7 @@ void kfree(const void *x)
    if (unlikely(!PageSlab(page))) {
        BUG_ON(!PageCompound(page));
        kmemleak_free(x);
-   put_page(page);
+   __free_pages(page, compound_order(page));
        return;
    }
    slab_free(page->slab, page, object, _RET_IP_);
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 03/16] slab: Ignore the cflgs bit in cache creation

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No cache should ever pass that as a creation flag, since this bit is used to mark an internal decision of the slab about object placement. We can just ignore this bit if it happens to be passed (such as when duplicating a cache in the kmem memcg patches)

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mm/slab.c | 1 +  
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)

```
diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
index a7ed60f..ccf496c 100644
--- a/mm/slab.c
+++ b/mm/slab.c
@@ -2373,6 +2373,7 @@ __kmem_cache_create (struct kmem_cache *cachep, unsigned long
flags)
```

```
int err;
size_t size = cachep->size;

+ flags &= ~CFLGS_OFF_SLAB;
#ifdef DEBUG
#ifdef FORCED_DEBUG
/*
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 04/16] provide a common place for initcall processing in kmem\_cache

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Both SLAB and SLUB depend on some initialization to happen when the system is already booted, with all subsystems working. This is done by issuing an initcall that does the final initialization.

This patch moves that to slab\_common.c, while creating an empty placeholder for the SLOB.

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```
mm/slab.c      | 5 +++--
mm/slab.h      | 2 ++
mm/slab_common.c | 6 ++++++
mm/slob.c      | 5 ++++++
mm/slub.c      | 4 +---
5 files changed, 16 insertions(+), 6 deletions(-)
```

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

```
index ccf496c..3bac667 100644
```

```
--- a/mm/slab.c
```

```
+++ b/mm/slab.c
```

```
@@ -894,7 +894,7 @@ static void __cpuinit start_cpu_timer(int cpu)
    struct delayed_work *reap_work = &per_cpu(slab_reap_work, cpu);
```

```
/*
```

```
- * When this gets called from do_initcalls via cpucache_init(),
+ * When this gets called from do_initcalls via __kmem_cache_initcall(),
  * init_workqueues() has already run, so keventd will be setup
  * at that time.
*/
```

```

@@ -1822,7 +1822,7 @@ void __init kmem_cache_init_late(void)
    */
}

-static int __init cpucache_init(void)
+int __init __kmem_cache_initcall(void)
{
    int cpu;

@@ -1836,7 +1836,6 @@ static int __init cpucache_init(void)
    slab_state = FULL;
    return 0;
}
-__initcall(cpucache_init);

static noinline void
slab_out_of_memory(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t gfpflags, int nodeid)
diff --git a/mm/slab.h b/mm/slab.h
index 7deeb44..7a2698b 100644
--- a/mm/slab.h
+++ b/mm/slab.h
@@ -47,4 +47,6 @@ static inline struct kmem_cache * __kmem_cache_alias(const char *name,
size_t siz

int __kmem_cache_shutdown(struct kmem_cache *);

+int __kmem_cache_initcall(void);
+
+ #endif
diff --git a/mm/slab_common.c b/mm/slab_common.c
index 9c21725..eddbb8a 100644
--- a/mm/slab_common.c
+++ b/mm/slab_common.c
@@ -189,3 +189,9 @@ int slab_is_available(void)
{
    return slab_state >= UP;
}
+
+static int __init kmem_cache_initcall(void)
+{
+ return __kmem_cache_initcall();
+}
+__initcall(kmem_cache_initcall);
diff --git a/mm/slob.c b/mm/slob.c
index 3edfeaa..ad91d67 100644
--- a/mm/slob.c
+++ b/mm/slob.c
@@ -622,3 +622,8 @@ void __init kmem_cache_init_late(void)

```

```

{
    slab_state = FULL;
}
+
+int __init __kmem_cache_initcall(void)
+{
+ return 0;
+}
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index 09a91d0..7ac46c6 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -5332,7 +5332,7 @@ static int sysfs_slab_alias(struct kmem_cache *s, const char *name)
    return 0;
}

-static int __init slab_sysfs_init(void)
+int __init __kmem_cache_initcall(void)
{
    struct kmem_cache *s;
    int err;
@@ -5370,8 +5370,6 @@ static int __init slab_sysfs_init(void)
    resiliency_test();
    return 0;
}
-
-__initcall(slab_sysfs_init);
#endif /* CONFIG_SYSFS */

/*
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 05/16] consider a memcg parameter in kmem\_create\_cache  
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Allow a memcg parameter to be passed during cache creation.  
 When the slub allocator is being used, it will only merge  
 caches that belong to the same memcg.

Default function is created as a wrapper, passing NULL  
 to the memcg version. We only merge caches that belong  
 to the same memcg.

>From the memcontrol.c side, 3 helper functions are created:

- 1) memcg\_css\_id: because slub needs a unique cache name for sysfs. Since this is visible, but not the canonical location for slab data, the cache name is not used, the css\_id should suffice.
- 2) mem\_cgroup\_register\_cache: is responsible for assigning a unique index to each cache, and other general purpose setup. The index is only assigned for the root caches. All others are assigned index == -1.
- 3) mem\_cgroup\_release\_cache: can be called from the root cache destruction, and will release the index for other caches.

We can't assign indexes until the basic slab is up and running this is because the ida subsystem will itself call slab functions such as kcalloc a couple of times. Because of that, we have a late\_initcall that scan all caches and register them after the kernel is booted up. Only caches registered after that receive their index right away.

This index mechanism was developed by Suleiman Souhlal. Changed to a idr/ida based approach based on suggestion from Kamezawa.

[ v2: moved to idr/ida instead of redoing the indexes ]  
 [ v3: moved call to ida\_init away from cgroup creation to fix a bug ]

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```
---
include/linux/memcontrol.h | 20 ++++++
include/linux/slab.h       |  8 ++++++
mm/memcontrol.c           | 28 ++++++
mm/slab.c                 |  1 +
mm/slab.h                 | 26 ++++++
mm/slab_common.c         | 47 ++++++
mm/slub.c                 | 17 ++++++
7 files changed, 128 insertions(+), 19 deletions(-)
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/memcontrol.h b/include/linux/memcontrol.h
index 4ec9fd5..a5f3055 100644
--- a/include/linux/memcontrol.h
```



```

+++ b/include/linux/memcontrol.h
@@ -28,6 +28,7 @@ struct mem_cgroup;
 struct page_cgroup;
 struct page;
 struct mm_struct;
+struct kmem_cache;

/* Stats that can be updated by kernel. */
enum mem_cgroup_page_stat_item {
@@ -413,7 +414,26 @@ extern bool __memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct
mem_cgroup **memcg,
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);
+extern int memcg_css_id(struct mem_cgroup *memcg);
+extern void memcg_init_kmem_cache(void);
+extern void memcg_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
+    struct kmem_cache *s);
+extern void memcg_release_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep);
#else
+
+static inline void memcg_init_kmem_cache(void)
+{
+}
+
+static inline void memcg_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
+    struct kmem_cache *s)
+{
+}
+
+static inline void memcg_release_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep)
+{
+}
+
static inline void sock_update_memcg(struct sock *sk)
{
}
diff --git a/include/linux/slab.h b/include/linux/slab.h
index 3152bcd..dc6daac 100644
--- a/include/linux/slab.h
+++ b/include/linux/slab.h
@@ -116,6 +116,7 @@ struct kmem_cache {
};
#endif

+struct mem_cgroup;
/*
* struct kmem_cache related prototypes

```

```

*/
@@ -125,6 +126,9 @@ int slab_is_available(void);
struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_create(const char *, size_t, size_t,
    unsigned long,
    void (*)(void *));
+struct kmem_cache *
+kmem_cache_create_memcg(struct mem_cgroup *, const char *, size_t, size_t,
+ unsigned long, void (*)(void *));
void kmem_cache_destroy(struct kmem_cache *);
int kmem_cache_shrink(struct kmem_cache *);
void kmem_cache_free(struct kmem_cache *, void *);
@@ -337,6 +341,10 @@ extern void *__kmalloc_track_caller(size_t, gfp_t, unsigned long);
__kmalloc(size, flags)
#endif /* DEBUG_SLAB */

+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+#define MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES 400
+#endif
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_NUMA
/*
 * kmalloc_node_track_caller is a special version of kmalloc_node that
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index 74654f0..04851bb 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -376,6 +376,11 @@ static bool memcg_kmem_dead(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
{
    return test_and_clear_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_DEAD, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
}
+
+int memcg_css_id(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ return css_id(&memcg->css);
+}
#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */

/* Stuffs for move charges at task migration. */
@@ -534,6 +539,29 @@ static inline bool memcg_can_account_kmem(struct mem_cgroup
*memcg)
    (memcg->kmem_accounted & (KMEM_ACCOUNTED_MASK));
}

+struct ida cache_types;
+
+void __init memcg_init_kmem_cache(void)
+{
+ ida_init(&cache_types);

```

```

+}
+
+void memcg_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct kmem_cache *cachep)
+{
+ int id = -1;
+
+ if (!memcg)
+ id = ida_simple_get(&cache_types, 0, MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES,
+ GFP_KERNEL);
+ cachep->memcg_params.id = id;
+}
+
+void memcg_release_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep)
+{
+ if (cachep->memcg_params.id != -1)
+ ida_simple_remove(&cache_types, cachep->memcg_params.id);
+}
+
+/*
+ * 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
diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
index 3bac667..e2cf984 100644
--- a/mm/slab.c
+++ b/mm/slab.c
@@ -1799,6 +1799,7 @@ void __init kmem_cache_init_late(void)
BUG();
mutex_unlock(&slab_mutex);

+ memcg_init_kmem_cache();
/* Done! */
slab_state = FULL;

diff --git a/mm/slab.h b/mm/slab.h
index 7a2698b..6f2a34d 100644
--- a/mm/slab.h
+++ b/mm/slab.h
@@ -35,12 +35,15 @@ extern struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache;
/* Functions provided by the slab allocators */
extern int __kmem_cache_create(struct kmem_cache *, unsigned long flags);

+struct mem_cgroup;
#ifdef CONFIG_SLUB
-struct kmem_cache * __kmem_cache_alias(const char *name, size_t size,
- size_t align, unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *));
+struct kmem_cache *
+ __kmem_cache_alias(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, const char *name, size_t size,
+ size_t align, unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *));

```

```

#else
-static inline struct kmem_cache * __kmem_cache_alias(const char *name, size_t size,
- size_t align, unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *))
+static inline struct kmem_cache *
+ __kmem_cache_alias(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, const char *name, size_t size,
+ size_t align, unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *))
{ return NULL; }
#endif

```

```

@@ -49,4 +52,19 @@ int __kmem_cache_shutdown(struct kmem_cache *);

```

```

int __kmem_cache_initcall(void);

```

```

+void __init memcg_slab_register_all(void);
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+static inline bool cache_match_memcg(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ return cachep->memcg_params.memcg == memcg;
+}
+
+#else
+static inline bool cache_match_memcg(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
+ struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ return true;
+}
+#endif
#endif

```

```

diff --git a/mm/slab_common.c b/mm/slab_common.c

```

```

index eddbb8a..8f06849 100644

```

```

--- a/mm/slab_common.c

```

```

+++ b/mm/slab_common.c

```

```

@@ -16,6 +16,7 @@

```

```

#include <asm/cacheflush.h>

```

```

#include <asm/tlbflush.h>

```

```

#include <asm/page.h>

```

```

+#include <linux/memcontrol.h>

```

```

#include "slab.h"

```

```

@@ -25,7 +26,8 @@ DEFINE_MUTEX(slab_mutex);

```

```

struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache;

```

```

#ifdef CONFIG_DEBUG_VM

```

```

-static int kmem_cache_sanity_check(const char *name, size_t size)

```

```

+static int kmem_cache_sanity_check(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, const char *name,

```

```

+ size_t size)

```

```

{
    struct kmem_cache *s = NULL;

@@ -51,7 +53,7 @@ static int kmem_cache_sanity_check(const char *name, size_t size)
    continue;
}

- if (!strcmp(s->name, name)) {
+ if (cache_match_memcg(s, memcg) && !strcmp(s->name, name)) {
    pr_err("%s (%s): Cache name already exists.\n",
        __func__, name);
    dump_stack();
@@ -64,7 +66,8 @@ static int kmem_cache_sanity_check(const char *name, size_t size)
    return 0;
}
#else
-static inline int kmem_cache_sanity_check(const char *name, size_t size)
+static inline int kmem_cache_sanity_check(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
+    const char *name, size_t size)
{
    return 0;
}
@@ -95,8 +98,9 @@ static inline int kmem_cache_sanity_check(const char *name, size_t size)
 * as davem.
 */

-struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_create(const char *name, size_t size, size_t align,
- unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *))
+struct kmem_cache *
+kmem_cache_create_memcg(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, const char *name, size_t size,
+ size_t align, unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *))
{
    struct kmem_cache *s = NULL;
    int err = 0;
@@ -104,11 +108,10 @@ struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_create(const char *name, size_t
size, size_t align
    get_online_cpus();
    mutex_lock(&slab_mutex);

- if (!kmem_cache_sanity_check(name, size) == 0)
+ if (!kmem_cache_sanity_check(memcg, name, size) == 0)
    goto out_locked;

-
- s = __kmem_cache_alias(name, size, align, flags, ctor);
+ s = __kmem_cache_alias(memcg, name, size, align, flags, ctor);
    if (s)
        goto out_locked;

```

```

@@ -117,6 +120,9 @@ struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_create(const char *name, size_t size,
size_t align
    s->object_size = s->size = size;
    s->align = align;
    s->ctor = ctor;
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ s->memcg_params.memcg = memcg;
+#endif
    s->name = kstrdup(name, GFP_KERNEL);
    if (!s->name) {
        kmem_cache_free(kmem_cache, s);
@@ -126,14 +132,14 @@ struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_create(const char *name, size_t
size, size_t align

    err = __kmem_cache_create(s, flags);
    if (!err) {
-
        s->refcount = 1;
        list_add(&s->list, &slab_caches);
-
    } else {
        kfree(s->name);
        kmem_cache_free(kmem_cache, s);
    }
+ if (slab_state >= FULL)
+ memcg_register_cache(memcg, s);
    } else
        err = -ENOMEM;

@@ -157,6 +163,13 @@ out_locked:

    return s;
}
+
+struct kmem_cache *
+kmem_cache_create(const char *name, size_t size, size_t align,
+ unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *))
+{
+ return kmem_cache_create_memcg(NULL, name, size, align, flags, ctor);
+}
EXPORT_SYMBOL(kmem_cache_create);

void kmem_cache_destroy(struct kmem_cache *s)
@@ -171,6 +184,7 @@ void kmem_cache_destroy(struct kmem_cache *s)
    if (s->flags & SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU)
        rcu_barrier();

```

```

+ memcg_release_cache(s);
  kfree(s->name);
  kmem_cache_free(kmem_cache, s);
} else {
@@ -192,6 +206,17 @@ int slab_is_available(void)

static int __init kmem_cache_initcall(void)
{
- return __kmem_cache_initcall();
+ int r = __kmem_cache_initcall();
#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ struct kmem_cache *s;
+
+ if (r)
+ return r;
+ mutex_lock(&slab_mutex);
+ list_for_each_entry(s, &slab_caches, list)
+ memcg_register_cache(NULL, s);
+ mutex_unlock(&slab_mutex);
#endif
+ return r;
}
__initcall(kmem_cache_initcall);
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index 7ac46c6..4778548 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -31,6 +31,7 @@
#include <linux/fault-inject.h>
#include <linux/stacktrace.h>
#include <linux/prefetch.h>
+#include <linux/memcontrol.h>

#include <trace/events/kmem.h>

@@ -3864,7 +3865,7 @@ static int slab_unmergeable(struct kmem_cache *s)
return 0;
}

-static struct kmem_cache *find_mergeable(size_t size,
+static struct kmem_cache *find_mergeable(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, size_t size,
size_t align, unsigned long flags, const char *name,
void (*ctor)(void *))
{
@@ -3900,17 +3901,20 @@ static struct kmem_cache *find_mergeable(size_t size,
if (s->size - size >= sizeof(void *))
continue;

```

```

+ if (!cache_match_memcg(s, memcg))
+ continue;
  return s;
}
return NULL;
}

-struct kmem_cache * __kmem_cache_alias(const char *name, size_t size,
- size_t align, unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *))
+struct kmem_cache *
+__kmem_cache_alias(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, const char *name, size_t size,
+ size_t align, unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *))
{
  struct kmem_cache *s;

- s = find_mergeable(size, align, flags, name, ctor);
+ s = find_mergeable(memcg, size, align, flags, name, ctor);
  if (s) {
    s->refcount++;
    /*
@@ -5230,6 +5234,10 @@ static char *create_unique_id(struct kmem_cache *s)
  if (p != name + 1)
    *p++ = '-';
  p += sprintf(p, "%07d", s->size);
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ if (s->memcg_params.memcg)
+ p += sprintf(p, "-%08d", memcg_css_id(s->memcg_params.memcg));
+#endif
  BUG_ON(p > name + ID_STR_LENGTH - 1);
  return name;
}
@@ -5346,6 +5354,7 @@ int __init __kmem_cache_initcall(void)
  return -ENOSYS;
}

+ memcg_init_kmem_cache();
  slab_state = FULL;

  list_for_each_entry(s, &slab_caches, list) {
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 06/16] memcg: infrastructure to match an allocation to the right cache

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The page allocator is able to bind a page to a memcg when it is allocated. But for the caches, we'd like to have as many objects as possible in a page belonging to the same cache.

This is done in this patch by calling `memcg_kmem_get_cache` in the beginning of every allocation function. This routing is patched out by static branches when kernel memory controller is not being used.

It assumes that the task allocating, which determines the memcg in the page allocator, belongs to the same cgroup throughout the whole process. Misaccounting can happen if the task calls `memcg_kmem_get_cache()` while belonging to a cgroup, and later on changes. This is considered acceptable, and should only happen upon task migration.

Before the cache is created by the memcg core, there is also a possible imbalance: the task belongs to a memcg, but the cache being allocated from is the global cache, since the child cache is not yet guaranteed to be ready. This case is also fine, since in this case the `GFP_KMEMCG` will not be passed and the page allocator will not attempt any cgroup accounting.

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```
---  
include/linux/memcontrol.h | 38 ++++++++  
init/Kconfig               | 2 +-  
mm/memcontrol.c           | 203 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++  
3 files changed, 242 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/memcontrol.h b/include/linux/memcontrol.h  
index a5f3055..c44a5f2 100644  
--- a/include/linux/memcontrol.h  
+++ b/include/linux/memcontrol.h  
@@ -419,6 +419,8 @@ extern void memcg_init_kmem_cache(void);  
extern void memcg_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,  
                                struct kmem_cache *s);  
extern void memcg_release_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep);  
+struct kmem_cache *  
+__memcg_kmem_get_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t gfp);  
#else  
  
static inline void memcg_init_kmem_cache(void)  
@@ -460,6 +462,12 @@ static inline void
```

```

__memcg_kmem_commit_charge(struct page *page, struct mem_cgroup *memcg, int order)
{
}
+
+static inline struct kmem_cache *
+__memcg_kmem_get_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t gfp)
+{
+ return cachep;
+}
+
+ #endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */

/**
@@ -526,5 +534,35 @@ 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);
}
+
+/**
+ * memcg_kmem_get_kmem_cache: selects the correct per-memcg cache for allocation
+ * @cachep: the original global kmem cache
+ * @gfp: allocation flags.
+ *
+ * This function assumes that the task allocating, which determines the memcg
+ * in the page allocator, belongs to the same cgroup throughout the whole
+ * process. Misaccounting can happen if the task calls memcg_kmem_get_cache()
+ * while belonging to a cgroup, and later on changes. This is considered
+ * acceptable, and should only happen upon task migration.
+ *
+ * Before the cache is created by the memcg core, there is also a possible
+ * imbalance: the task belongs to a memcg, but the cache being allocated from
+ * is the global cache, since the child cache is not yet guaranteed to be
+ * ready. This case is also fine, since in this case the GFP_KMEMCG will not be
+ * passed and the page allocator will not attempt any cgroup accounting.
+ */
+static __always_inline struct kmem_cache *
+memcg_kmem_get_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t gfp)
+{
+ if (!memcg_kmem_enabled())
+ return cachep;
+ if (gfp & __GFP_NOFAIL)
+ return cachep;
+ if (in_interrupt() || (!current->mm) || (current->flags & PF_KTHREAD))
+ return cachep;
+
+ return __memcg_kmem_get_cache(cachep, gfp);
+}
+
+ #endif /* _LINUX_MEMCONTROL_H */

```

```

diff --git a/init/Kconfig b/init/Kconfig
index 707d015..31c4f74 100644
--- a/init/Kconfig
+++ b/init/Kconfig
@@ -741,7 +741,7 @@ config MEMCG_SWAP_ENABLED
    then swapaccount=0 does the trick).
config MEMCG_KMEM
    bool "Memory Resource Controller Kernel Memory accounting (EXPERIMENTAL)"
- depends on MEMCG && EXPERIMENTAL
+ depends on MEMCG && EXPERIMENTAL && !SLOB
    default n
    help
    The Kernel Memory extension for Memory Resource Controller can limit
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index 04851bb..1cce5c3 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -339,6 +339,11 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
#ifdef CONFIG_INET
    struct tcp_memcontrol tcp_mem;
#endif
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ /* Slab accounting */
+ struct kmem_cache *slabs[MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES];
+#endif
};

enum {
@@ -539,6 +544,40 @@ static inline bool memcg_can_account_kmem(struct mem_cgroup
*memcg)
    (memcg->kmem_accounted & (KMEM_ACCOUNTED_MASK));
}

+static char *memcg_cache_name(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct kmem_cache *cachep)
+{
+ char *name;
+ struct dentry *dentry;
+
+ rcu_read_lock();
+ dentry = rcu_dereference(memcg->css.cgroup->dentry);
+ rcu_read_unlock();
+
+ BUG_ON(dentry == NULL);
+
+ name = kasprintf(GFP_KERNEL, "%s(%d:%s)",
+    cachep->name, css_id(&memcg->css), dentry->d_name.name);

```

```

+
+ return name;
+}
+
+static struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_dup(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
+    struct kmem_cache *s)
+{
+ char *name;
+ struct kmem_cache *new;
+
+ name = memcg_cache_name(memcg, s);
+ if (!name)
+ return NULL;
+
+ new = kmem_cache_create_memcg(memcg, name, s->object_size, s->align,
+    (s->flags & ~SLAB_PANIC), s->ctor);
+
+ kfree(name);
+ return new;
+}
+
+ struct ida cache_types;

void __init memcg_init_kmem_cache(void)
@@ -665,6 +704,170 @@ static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
    */
    WARN_ON(res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE) != 0);
}
+
+static DEFINE_MUTEX(memcg_cache_mutex);
+static struct kmem_cache *memcg_create_kmem_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
+    struct kmem_cache *cachep)
+{
+ struct kmem_cache *new_cachep;
+ int idx;
+
+ BUG_ON(!memcg_can_account_kmem(memcg));
+
+ idx = cachep->memcg_params.id;
+
+ mutex_lock(&memcg_cache_mutex);
+ new_cachep = memcg->slabs[idx];
+ if (new_cachep)
+ goto out;
+
+ new_cachep = kmem_cache_dup(memcg, cachep);
+
+ if (new_cachep == NULL) {

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```

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

```

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

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

```

```
#else
static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
{
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 07/16] memcg: skip memcg kmem allocations in specified code regions

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This patch creates a mechanism that skip memcg allocations during certain pieces of our core code. It basically works in the same way as `preempt_disable()/preempt_enable()`: By marking a region under which all allocations will be accounted to the root memcg.

We need this to prevent races in early cache creation, when we allocate data using caches that are not necessarily created already.

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include/linux/sched.h | 1 +
mm/memcontrol.c       | 23 ++++++
2 files changed, 24 insertions(+)
```

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

```
index 81967b1..4c983c6 100644
```

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

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

```
@@ -1574,6 +1574,7 @@ struct task_struct {
    unsigned long nr_pages; /* uncharged usage */
    unsigned long memsw_nr_pages; /* uncharged mem+swap usage */
} memcg_batch;
+ unsigned int memcg_kmem_skip_account;
#endif
```

```
#ifdef CONFIG_HAVE_HW_BREAKPOINT
```

```
    atomic_t ptrace_bp_refcnt;
```

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

```
index 1cce5c3..54247ec 100644
```

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

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



```

@@ -544,6 +544,22 @@ static inline bool memcg_can_account_kmem(struct mem_cgroup
*memcg)
    (memcg->kmem_accounted & (KMEM_ACCOUNTED_MASK));
}

+static void memcg_stop_kmem_account(void)
+{
+ if (!current->mm)
+ return;
+
+ current->memcg_kmem_skip_account++;
+}
+
+static void memcg_resume_kmem_account(void)
+{
+ if (!current->mm)
+ return;
+
+ current->memcg_kmem_skip_account--;
+}
+
static char *memcg_cache_name(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct kmem_cache *cachep)
{
    char *name;
@@ -721,7 +737,9 @@ static struct kmem_cache *memcg_create_kmem_cache(struct
mem_cgroup *memcg,
    if (new_cachep)
        goto out;

+ memcg_stop_kmem_account();
    new_cachep = kmem_cache_dup(memcg, cachep);
+ memcg_resume_kmem_account();

    if (new_cachep == NULL) {
        new_cachep = cachep;
@@ -811,7 +829,9 @@ static void memcg_create_cache_enqueue(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
    if (!css_tryget(&memcg->css))
        return;

+ memcg_stop_kmem_account();
    cw = kmalloc(sizeof(struct create_work), GFP_NOWAIT);
+ memcg_resume_kmem_account();
    if (cw == NULL) {
        css_put(&memcg->css);
        return;
@@ -846,6 +866,9 @@ struct kmem_cache *__memcg_kmem_get_cache(struct kmem_cache
*cachep,
    int idx;

```

```
struct task_struct *p;

+ if (!current->mm || current->memcg_kmem_skip_account)
+ return cachep;
+
+ if (cachep->memcg_params.memcg)
+ return cachep;

--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 08/16] slab: allow enable\_cpu\_cache to use preset values for its tunables

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SLAB allows us to tune a particular cache behavior with tunables. When creating a new memcg cache copy, we'd like to preserve any tunables the parent cache already had.

This could be done by an explicit call to `do_tune_cpucache()` after the cache is created. But this is not very convenient now that the caches are created from common code, since this function is SLAB-specific.

Another method of doing that is taking advantage of the fact that `do_tune_cpucache()` is always called from `enable_cpucache()`, which is called at cache initialization. We can just preset the values, and then things work as expected.

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---  
include/linux/slab.h | 3 +-  
mm/memcontrol.c | 2 +-  
mm/slab.c | 19 ++++++++-----  
mm/slab\_common.c | 6 ++++--  
4 files changed, 23 insertions(+), 7 deletions(-)

```
diff --git a/include/linux/slab.h b/include/linux/slab.h
index dc6daac..9d298db 100644
--- a/include/linux/slab.h
+++ b/include/linux/slab.h
```

```

@@ -128,7 +128,7 @@ struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_create(const char *, size_t, size_t,
    void (*)(void *));
struct kmem_cache *
kmem_cache_create_memcg(struct mem_cgroup *, const char *, size_t, size_t,
- unsigned long, void (*)(void *));
+ unsigned long, void (*)(void *), struct kmem_cache *);
void kmem_cache_destroy(struct kmem_cache *);
int kmem_cache_shrink(struct kmem_cache *);
void kmem_cache_free(struct kmem_cache *, void *);
@@ -184,6 +184,7 @@ unsigned int kmem_cache_size(struct kmem_cache *);
#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
struct mem_cgroup_cache_params {
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
+ struct kmem_cache *parent;
    int id;
};
#endif
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index 54247ec..ee982aa 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -588,7 +588,7 @@ static struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_dup(struct mem_cgroup
 *memcg,
    return NULL;

    new = kmem_cache_create_memcg(memcg, name, s->object_size, s->align,
-    (s->flags & ~SLAB_PANIC), s->ctor);
+    (s->flags & ~SLAB_PANIC), s->ctor, s);

    kfree(name);
    return new;
diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
index e2cf984..f2d760c 100644
--- a/mm/slab.c
+++ b/mm/slab.c
@@ -4141,8 +4141,19 @@ static int do_tune_cpucache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, int limit,
static int enable_cpucache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t gfp)
{
    int err;
- int limit, shared;
-
+ int limit = 0;
+ int shared = 0;
+ int batchcount = 0;
+
+ #ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ if (cachep->memcg_params.parent) {
+ limit = cachep->memcg_params.parent->limit;

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+ shared = cachep->memcg_params.parent->shared;
+ batchcount = cachep->memcg_params.parent->batchcount;
+ }
+ #endif
+ if (limit && shared && batchcount)
+ goto skip_setup;
/*
 * The head array serves three purposes:
 * - create a LIFO ordering, i.e. return objects that are cache-warm
@@ -4184,7 +4195,9 @@ static int enable_cpucache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t gfp)
if (limit > 32)
    limit = 32;
#endif
- err = do_tune_cpucache(cachep, limit, (limit + 1) / 2, shared, gfp);
+ batchcount = (limit + 1) / 2;
+ skip_setup:
+ err = do_tune_cpucache(cachep, limit, batchcount, shared, gfp);
if (err)
    printk(KERN_ERR "enable_cpucache failed for %s, error %d.\n",
           cachep->name, -err);
diff --git a/mm/slab_common.c b/mm/slab_common.c
index 8f06849..6829aa4 100644
--- a/mm/slab_common.c
+++ b/mm/slab_common.c
@@ -100,7 +100,8 @@ static inline int kmem_cache_sanity_check(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,

struct kmem_cache *
kmem_cache_create_memcg(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, const char *name, size_t size,
- size_t align, unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *))
+ size_t align, unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *),
+ struct kmem_cache *parent_cache)
{
    struct kmem_cache *s = NULL;
    int err = 0;
@@ -122,6 +123,7 @@ kmem_cache_create_memcg(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, const char
*name, size_t size,
    s->ctor = ctor;
#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
    s->memcg_params.memcg = memcg;
+ s->memcg_params.parent = parent_cache;
#endif
    s->name = kstrdup(name, GFP_KERNEL);
    if (!s->name) {
@@ -168,7 +170,7 @@ struct kmem_cache *
kmem_cache_create(const char *name, size_t size, size_t align,
    unsigned long flags, void (*ctor)(void *))
{
- return kmem_cache_create_memcg(NULL, name, size, align, flags, ctor);

```

```
+ return kmem_cache_create_memcg(NULL, name, size, align, flags, ctor, NULL);
}
EXPORT_SYMBOL(kmem_cache_create);
```

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struct page already have this information. If we start chaining caches, this information will always be more trustworthy than whatever is passed into the function

A parent pointer is added to the slub structure, so we can make sure the freeing comes from either the right slab, or from its rightful parent.

[ v3: added parent testing with VM\_BUG\_ON ]

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mm/slab.c | 5 ++++-

mm/slab.h | 11 ++++++++

mm/slub.c | 4 +++-

3 files changed, 18 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)

diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c

index f2d760c..18de3f6 100644

--- a/mm/slab.c

+++ b/mm/slab.c

@@ -3938,9 +3938,12 @@ EXPORT\_SYMBOL(\_\_kmalloc);

\* Free an object which was previously allocated from this

\* cache.

\*/

-void kmem\_cache\_free(struct kmem\_cache \*cachep, void \*objp)

+void kmem\_cache\_free(struct kmem\_cache \*s, void \*objp)

{

  unsigned long flags;

+ struct kmem\_cache \*cachep = virt\_to\_cache(objp);

+

+ VM\_BUG\_ON(!slab\_equal\_or\_parent(cachep, s));

  local\_irq\_save(flags);

```

    debug_check_no_locks_freed(objp, cachep->object_size);
diff --git a/mm/slab.h b/mm/slab.h
index 6f2a34d..f2501ab 100644
--- a/mm/slab.h
+++ b/mm/slab.h
@@ -60,11 +60,22 @@ static inline bool cache_match_memcg(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
    return cachep->memcg_params.memcg == memcg;
}

```

```

+static inline bool slab_equal_or_parent(struct kmem_cache *s,
+    struct kmem_cache *p)
+{
+ return (p == s) || (p == s->memcg_params.parent);
+}
#else
static inline bool cache_match_memcg(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
{
    return true;
}
+
+static inline bool slab_equal_or_parent(struct kmem_cache *s,
+    struct kmem_cache *p)
+{
+ return true;
+}
#endif
#endif

```

```

diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index 4778548..a045dfc 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -2604,7 +2604,9 @@ void kmem_cache_free(struct kmem_cache *s, void *x)

```

```

    page = virt_to_head_page(x);

- slab_free(s, page, x, _RET_IP_);
+ VM_BUG_ON(!slab_equal_or_parent(page->slab, s));
+
+ slab_free(page->slab, page, x, _RET_IP_);

    trace_kmem_cache_free(_RET_IP_, x);
}

```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 10/16] sl[au]b: Allocate objects from memcg cache  
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We are able to match a cache allocation to a particular memcg. If the task doesn't change groups during the allocation itself - a rare event, this will give us a good picture about who is the first group to touch a cache page.

This patch uses the now available infrastructure by calling memcg\_kmem\_get\_cache() before all the cache allocations.

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```
---  
include/linux/slub_def.h | 15 ++++++-----  
mm/memcontrol.c         | 9 ++++++++  
mm/slab.c               | 6 +++++-  
mm/slub.c               | 5 +++-  
4 files changed, 27 insertions(+), 8 deletions(-)
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/slub_def.h b/include/linux/slub_def.h  
index 8bb8ad2..76bf6da 100644
```

```
--- a/include/linux/slub_def.h  
+++ b/include/linux/slub_def.h  
@@ -13,6 +13,8 @@  
#include <linux/kobject.h>
```

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

```
enum stat_item {  
    ALLOC_FASTPATH, /* Allocation from cpu slab */  
@@ -209,14 +211,14 @@ static __always_inline int kmalloc_index(size_t size)  
    * This ought to end up with a global pointer to the right cache  
    * in kmalloc_caches.  
    */  
-static __always_inline struct kmem_cache *kmalloc_slab(size_t size)  
+static __always_inline struct kmem_cache *kmalloc_slab(gfp_t flags, size_t size)  
{  
    int index = kmalloc_index(size);  
  
    if (index == 0)
```

```

return NULL;

- return kmem_caches[index];
+ return memcg_kmem_get_cache(kmem_caches[index], flags);
}

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

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

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

  if (!s)
    return ZERO_SIZE_PTR;
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index ee982aa..0068b7d 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -477,7 +477,14 @@ struct mem_cgroup *mem_cgroup_from_css(struct
cgroup_subsys_state *s)
#include <net/sock.h>
#include <net/ip.h>

+/*

```



```

+ * A lot of the calls to the cache allocation functions are expected to be
+ * inlined by the compiler. Since the calls to memcg_kmem_get_cache are
+ * conditional to this static branch, we'll have to allow modules that does
+ * kmem_cache_alloc and the such to see this symbol as well
+ */
struct static_key memcg_kmem_enabled_key;
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(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);
@@ -589,6 +596,8 @@ static struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_dup(struct mem_cgroup
*memcg,

    new = kmem_cache_create_memcg(memcg, name, s->object_size, s->align,
        (s->flags & ~SLAB_PANIC), s->ctor, s);
+ if (new)
+ new->allocflags |= __GFP_KMEMCG;

    kfree(name);
    return new;
diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
index 18de3f6..f9c7e03 100644
--- a/mm/slab.c
+++ b/mm/slab.c
@@ -1971,7 +1971,7 @@ static void kmem_freepages(struct kmem_cache *cachep, void *addr)
}
if (current->reclaim_state)
    current->reclaim_state->reclaimed_slab += nr_freed;
- free_pages((unsigned long)addr, cachep->gfporder);
+ free_accounted_pages((unsigned long)addr, cachep->gfporder);
}

static void kmem_rcu_free(struct rcu_head *head)
@@ -3541,6 +3541,8 @@ __cache_alloc_node(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t flags, int
nodeid,
    if (slab_should_failslab(cachep, flags))
        return NULL;

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

@@ -3626,6 +3628,8 @@ __cache_alloc(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t flags, void *caller)
    if (slab_should_failslab(cachep, flags))
        return NULL;

+ cachep = memcg_kmem_get_cache(cachep, flags);

```

```

+
  cache_alloc_debugcheck_before(cachep, flags);
  local_irq_save(save_flags);
  objp = __do_cache_alloc(cachep, flags);
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index a045dfc..ac79595 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -1403,7 +1403,7 @@ static void __free_slab(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *page)
  reset_page_mapcount(page);
  if (current->reclaim_state)
    current->reclaim_state->reclaimed_slab += pages;
- __free_pages(page, order);
+ __free_accounted_pages(page, order);
}

#define need_reserve_slab_rcu \
@@ -2313,6 +2313,7 @@ static __always_inline void *slab_alloc(struct kmem_cache *s,
  if (slab_pre_alloc_hook(s, gfpflags))
    return NULL;

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

/*
@@ -3454,7 +3455,7 @@ void kfree(const void *x)
  if (unlikely(!PageSlab(page))) {
    BUG_ON(!PageCompound(page));
    kmemleak_free(x);
- __free_pages(page, compound_order(page));
+ __free_accounted_pages(page, compound_order(page));
  return;
}
slab_free(page->slab, page, object, _RET_IP_);
--
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```

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**Subject:** [PATCH v3 11/16] memcg: destroy memcg caches  
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This patch implements destruction of memcg caches. Right now, only caches where our reference counter is the last remaining are deleted. If there are any other reference counters around, we just leave the caches lying around until they go away.

When that happen, a destruction function is called from the cache

code. Caches are only destroyed in process context, so we queue them up for later processing in the general case.

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```
---
include/linux/memcontrol.h | 1 +
include/linux/slab.h       | 3 ++
mm/memcontrol.c           | 84 ++++++
mm/slab.c                 | 3 ++
mm/slab.h                 | 23 ++++++
mm/slub.c                 | 7 +++-
6 files changed, 120 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/memcontrol.h b/include/linux/memcontrol.h
index c44a5f2..204a43a 100644
--- a/include/linux/memcontrol.h
+++ b/include/linux/memcontrol.h
@@ -421,6 +421,7 @@ extern void memcg_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
extern void memcg_release_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep);
struct kmem_cache *
__memcg_kmem_get_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t gfp);
+void mem_cgroup_destroy_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep);
#else
```

```
static inline void memcg_init_kmem_cache(void)
diff --git a/include/linux/slab.h b/include/linux/slab.h
index 9d298db..9a41d85 100644
--- a/include/linux/slab.h
+++ b/include/linux/slab.h
@@ -186,6 +186,9 @@ struct mem_cgroup_cache_params {
struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
struct kmem_cache *parent;
int id;
+ bool dead;
+ atomic_t nr_pages;
+ struct list_head destroyed_list; /* Used when deleting memcg cache */
};
#endif
```

```
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index 0068b7d..a184d42 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
```

```

+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -614,6 +614,8 @@ void memcg_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct
kmem_cache *cachep)
{
    int id = -1;

+ INIT_LIST_HEAD(&cachep->memcg_params.destroyed_list);
+
    if (!memcg)
        id = ida_simple_get(&cache_types, 0, MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES,
            GFP_KERNEL);
@@ -758,6 +760,7 @@ static struct kmem_cache *memcg_create_kmem_cache(struct
mem_cgroup *memcg,
    mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
    memcg->slabs[idx] = new_cachep;
    new_cachep->memcg_params.memcg = memcg;
+ atomic_set(&new_cachep->memcg_params.nr_pages, 0);
out:
    mutex_unlock(&memcg_cache_mutex);
    return new_cachep;
@@ -772,6 +775,55 @@ struct create_work {
/* Use a single spinlock for destruction and creation, not a frequent op */
static DEFINE_SPINLOCK(cache_queue_lock);
static LIST_HEAD(create_queue);
+static LIST_HEAD(destroyed_caches);
+
+static void kmem_cache_destroy_work_func(struct work_struct *w)
+{
+ struct kmem_cache *cachep;
+ struct mem_cgroup_cache_params *p, *tmp;
+ unsigned long flags;
+ LIST_HEAD(del_unlocked);
+
+ spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+ list_for_each_entry_safe(p, tmp, &destroyed_caches, destroyed_list) {
+ cachep = container_of(p, struct kmem_cache, memcg_params);
+ list_move(&cachep->memcg_params.destroyed_list, &del_unlocked);
+ }
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+
+ list_for_each_entry_safe(p, tmp, &del_unlocked, destroyed_list) {
+ cachep = container_of(p, struct kmem_cache, memcg_params);
+ list_del(&cachep->memcg_params.destroyed_list);
+ if (!atomic_read(&cachep->memcg_params.nr_pages)) {
+ mem_cgroup_put(cachep->memcg_params.memcg);
+ kmem_cache_destroy(cachep);
+ }
+ }
+ }

```

```

+}
+static DECLARE_WORK(kmem_cache_destroy_work, kmem_cache_destroy_work_func);
+
+static void __mem_cgroup_destroy_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep)
+{
+ BUG_ON(cachep->memcg_params.id != -1);
+ list_add(&cachep->memcg_params.destroyed_list, &destroyed_caches);
+}
+
+void mem_cgroup_destroy_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep)
+{
+ unsigned long flags;
+
+ if (!cachep->memcg_params.dead)
+ return;
+ /*
+ * We have to defer the actual destroying to a workqueue, because
+ * we might currently be in a context that cannot sleep.
+ */
+ spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+ __mem_cgroup_destroy_cache(cachep);
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+
+ schedule_work(&kmem_cache_destroy_work);
+}

/*
 * Flush the queue of kmem_caches to create, because we're creating a cgroup.
@@ -793,6 +845,33 @@ void memcg_flush_cache_create_queue(void)
 spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
}

+static void mem_cgroup_destroy_all_caches(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ struct kmem_cache *cachep;
+ unsigned long flags;
+ int i;
+
+ /*
+ * pre_destroy() gets called with no tasks in the cgroup.
+ * this means that after flushing the create queue, no more caches
+ * will appear
+ */
+ memcg_flush_cache_create_queue();
+
+ spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+ for (i = 0; i < MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES; i++) {
+ cachep = memcg->slabs[i];

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```

+ if (!cachep)
+ continue;
+
+ cachep->memcg_params.dead = true;
+ __mem_cgroup_destroy_cache(cachep);
+ }
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+
+ schedule_work(&kmem_cache_destroy_work);
+}
+
static void memcg_create_cache_work_func(struct work_struct *w)
{
    struct create_work *cw, *tmp;
@@ -904,6 +983,10 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(__memcg_kmem_get_cache);
static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
{
}
+
+static inline void mem_cgroup_destroy_all_caches(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+}
#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */

#if defined(CONFIG_INET) && defined(CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM)
@@ -5590,6 +5673,7 @@ static int mem_cgroup_pre_destroy(struct cgroup *cont)
{
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg = mem_cgroup_from_cont(cont);

+ mem_cgroup_destroy_all_caches(memcg);
    return mem_cgroup_force_empty(memcg, false);
}

diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
index f9c7e03..d5c196b 100644
--- a/mm/slab.c
+++ b/mm/slab.c
@@ -1933,6 +1933,7 @@ static void *kmem_getpages(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t flags,
int nodeid)
    if (page->pfmemalloc)
        SetPageSlabPfmalloc(page + i);
}
+ mem_cgroup_bind_pages(cachep, cachep->gfporder);

if (kmemcheck_enabled && !(cachep->flags & SLAB_NOTRACK)) {
    kmemcheck_alloc_shadow(page, cachep->gfporder, flags, nodeid);
@@ -1969,6 +1970,8 @@ static void kmem_freepages(struct kmem_cache *cachep, void *addr)
    __ClearPageSlab(page);

```

```

    page++;
}
+
+ mem_cgroup_release_pages(cachep, cachep->gfporder);
  if (current->reclaim_state)
    current->reclaim_state->reclaimed_slab += nr_freed;
  free_accounted_pages((unsigned long)addr, cachep->gfporder);
diff --git a/mm/slab.h b/mm/slab.h
index f2501ab..6024ad1 100644
--- a/mm/slab.h
+++ b/mm/slab.h
@@ -1,5 +1,6 @@
#ifdef MM_SLAB_H
#define MM_SLAB_H
+#include <linux/memcontrol.h>
/*
 * Internal slab definitions
 */
@@ -60,6 +61,20 @@ static inline bool cache_match_memcg(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
    return cachep->memcg_params.memcg == memcg;
}

+static inline void mem_cgroup_bind_pages(struct kmem_cache *s, int order)
+{
+ if (s->memcg_params.id == -1)
+ atomic_add(1 << order, &s->memcg_params.nr_pages);
+}
+
+static inline void mem_cgroup_release_pages(struct kmem_cache *s, int order)
+{
+ if (s->memcg_params.id != -1)
+ return;
+ if (atomic_sub_and_test((1 << order), &s->memcg_params.nr_pages))
+ mem_cgroup_destroy_cache(s);
+}
+
static inline bool slab_equal_or_parent(struct kmem_cache *s,
    struct kmem_cache *p)
{
@@ -72,6 +87,14 @@ static inline bool cache_match_memcg(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
    return true;
}

+static inline void mem_cgroup_bind_pages(struct kmem_cache *s, int order)
+{
+}
+
+static inline void mem_cgroup_release_pages(struct kmem_cache *s, int order)

```

```

+{
+}
+
static inline bool slab_equal_or_parent(struct kmem_cache *s,
    struct kmem_cache *p)
{
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index ac79595..f90f612 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -1342,6 +1342,7 @@ static struct page *new_slab(struct kmem_cache *s, gfp_t flags, int
node)
void *start;
void *last;
void *p;
+ int order;

    BUG_ON(flags & GFP_SLAB_BUG_MASK);

@@ -1350,7 +1351,9 @@ static struct page *new_slab(struct kmem_cache *s, gfp_t flags, int
node)
if (!page)
goto out;

+ order = compound_order(page);
inc_slabs_node(s, page_to_nid(page), page->objects);
+ mem_cgroup_bind_pages(s, order);
page->slab = s;
__SetPageSlab(page);
if (page->pfmemalloc)
@@ -1359,7 +1362,7 @@ static struct page *new_slab(struct kmem_cache *s, gfp_t flags, int
node)
start = page_address(page);

if (unlikely(s->flags & SLAB_POISON))
- memset(start, POISON_INUSE, PAGE_SIZE << compound_order(page));
+ memset(start, POISON_INUSE, PAGE_SIZE << order);

last = start;
for_each_object(p, s, start, page->objects) {
@@ -1400,6 +1403,8 @@ static void __free_slab(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *page)

__ClearPageSlabPfmalloc(page);
__ClearPageSlab(page);
+
+ mem_cgroup_release_pages(s, order);
reset_page_mapcount(page);
if (current->reclaim_state)

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```
current->reclaim_state->reclaimed_slab += pages;
```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 12/16] memcg/sl[au]b Track all the memcg children of a kmem\_cache.

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This enables us to remove all the children of a kmem\_cache being destroyed, if for example the kernel module it's being used in gets unloaded. Otherwise, the children will still point to the destroyed parent.

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```
include/linux/memcontrol.h | 1 +
include/linux/slab.h       | 1 +
mm/memcontrol.c           | 16 ++++++
mm/slab_common.c          | 31 ++++++
4 files changed, 48 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
```

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

```
index 204a43a..6d5e212 100644
```

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

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

```
@@ -422,6 +422,7 @@ extern void memcg_release_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep);
```

```
struct kmem_cache *
```

```
__memcg_kmem_get_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t gfp);
```

```
void mem_cggroup_destroy_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep);
```

```
+void mem_cggroup_remove_child_kmem_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, int id);
```

```
#else
```

```
static inline void memcg_init_kmem_cache(void)
```

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

```
index 9a41d85..9badb8c 100644
```

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

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

```
@@ -189,6 +189,7 @@ struct mem_cggroup_cache_params {
```

```
bool dead;
```

```
atomic_t nr_pages;
```

```

    struct list_head destroyed_list; /* Used when deleting memcg cache */
+ struct list_head sibling_list;
};
#endif

diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index a184d42..da38652 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -596,8 +596,11 @@ static struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_dup(struct mem_cgroup
 *memcg,

    new = kmem_cache_create_memcg(memcg, name, s->object_size, s->align,
        (s->flags & ~SLAB_PANIC), s->ctor, s);
- if (new)
+ if (new) {
    new->allocflags |= __GFP_KMEMCG;
+ list_add(&new->memcg_params.sibling_list,
+ &s->memcg_params.sibling_list);
+ }

    kfree(name);
    return new;
@@ -615,6 +618,7 @@ void memcg_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct
kmem_cache *cachep)
    int id = -1;

    INIT_LIST_HEAD(&cachep->memcg_params.destroyed_list);
+ INIT_LIST_HEAD(&cachep->memcg_params.sibling_list);

    if (!memcg)
        id = ida_simple_get(&cache_types, 0, MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES,
@@ -626,6 +630,9 @@ void memcg_release_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep)
{
    if (cachep->memcg_params.id != -1)
        ida_simple_remove(&cache_types, cachep->memcg_params.id);
+ else
+ list_del(&cachep->memcg_params.sibling_list);
+
}

/*
@@ -934,6 +941,13 @@ static void memcg_create_cache_enqueue(struct mem_cgroup
 *memcg,
    schedule_work(&memcg_create_cache_work);
}

+void mem_cgroup_remove_child_kmem_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, int id)

```

```

+{
+ mutex_lock(&memcg_cache_mutex);
+ cachep->memcg_params.memcg->slabs[id] = NULL;
+ mutex_unlock(&memcg_cache_mutex);
+}
+
+/*
+ * Return the kmem_cache we're supposed to use for a slab allocation.
+ * We try to use the current memcg's version of the cache.
diff --git a/mm/slab_common.c b/mm/slab_common.c
index 6829aa4..c6fb4a7 100644
--- a/mm/slab_common.c
+++ b/mm/slab_common.c
@@ -174,8 +174,39 @@ kmem_cache_create(const char *name, size_t size, size_t align,
 }
EXPORT_SYMBOL(kmem_cache_create);

+static void kmem_cache_destroy_memcg_children(struct kmem_cache *s)
+{
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ struct kmem_cache *c;
+ struct mem_cgroup_cache_params *p, *tmp;
+ int id = s->memcg_params.id;
+
+ if (id == -1)
+ return;
+
+ mutex_lock(&slab_mutex);
+ list_for_each_entry_safe(p, tmp,
+ &s->memcg_params.sibling_list, sibling_list) {
+ c = container_of(p, struct kmem_cache, memcg_params);
+ if (WARN_ON(c == s))
+ continue;
+
+ mutex_unlock(&slab_mutex);
+ BUG_ON(c->memcg_params.id != -1);
+ mem_cgroup_remove_child_kmem_cache(c, id);
+ kmem_cache_destroy(c);
+ mutex_lock(&slab_mutex);
+ }
+ mutex_unlock(&slab_mutex);
+#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */
+}
+
+void kmem_cache_destroy(struct kmem_cache *s)
+{
+
+ /* Destroy all the children caches if we aren't a memcg cache */

```

```
+ kmem_cache_destroy_memcg_children(s);
+
  get_online_cpus();
  mutex_lock(&slab_mutex);
  s->refcount--;
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 13/16] slab: slab-specific propagation changes.  
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When a parent cache does tune\_cpucache, we need to propagate that to the children as well. For that, we unfortunately need to tap into the slab core.

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---  
mm/slab.c | 28 ++++++  
mm/slab\_common.c | 1 +  
2 files changed, 28 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)

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

```
index d5c196b..bd9928f 100644
```

```
--- a/mm/slab.c
```

```
+++ b/mm/slab.c
```

```
@@ -4104,7 +4104,7 @@ static void do_ccupdate_local(void *info)
}
```

```
/* Always called with the slab_mutex held */
```

```
-static int do_tune_cpucache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, int limit,
```

```
+static int __do_tune_cpucache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, int limit,
    int batchcount, int shared, gfp_t gfp)
```

```
{
    struct ccupdate_struct *new;
```

```
@@ -4147,6 +4147,32 @@ static int do_tune_cpucache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, int limit,
    return alloc_kmemlist(cachep, gfp);
}
```

```
+static int do_tune_cpucache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, int limit,
```

```
+    int batchcount, int shared, gfp_t gfp)
```

```
+{
```

```

+ int ret;
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ struct kmem_cache *c;
+ struct mem_cgroup_cache_params *p;
+#endif
+
+ ret = __do_tune_cpucache(cachep, limit, batchcount, shared, gfp);
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ if (slab_state < FULL)
+ return ret;
+
+ if ((ret < 0) || (cachep->memcg_params.id == -1))
+ return ret;
+
+ list_for_each_entry(p, &cachep->memcg_params.sibling_list, sibling_list) {
+ c = container_of(p, struct kmem_cache, memcg_params);
+ /* return value determined by the parent cache only */
+ __do_tune_cpucache(c, limit, batchcount, shared, gfp);
+ }
+#endif
+ return ret;
+}
+
+ /* Called with slab_mutex held always */
static int enable_cpucache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t gfp)
{
diff --git a/mm/slab_common.c b/mm/slab_common.c
index c6fb4a7..341c3e1 100644
--- a/mm/slab_common.c
+++ b/mm/slab_common.c
@@ -124,6 +124,7 @@ kmem_cache_create_memcg(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, const char
 *name, size_t size,
#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
s->memcg_params.memcg = memcg;
s->memcg_params.parent = parent_cache;
+ s->memcg_params.id = -1; /* not registered yet */
#endif
s->name = kstrdup(name, GFP_KERNEL);
if (!s->name) {
--
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```

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Subject: [PATCH v3 14/16] slub: slub-specific propagation changes.  
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When a parent cache changes a sysfs attr, we need to propagate that to

the children as well. For that, we unfortunately need to tap into the slub core.

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mm/slub.c | 16 ++++++  
1 file changed, 16 insertions(+)

```
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index f90f612..0b68d15 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -5174,6 +5174,10 @@ static ssize_t slab_attr_store(struct kobject *kobj,
    struct slab_attribute *attribute;
    struct kmem_cache *s;
    int err;
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ struct kmem_cache *c;
+ struct mem_cgroup_cache_params *p;
+#endif

    attribute = to_slab_attr(attr);
    s = to_slab(kobj);
@@ -5182,7 +5186,19 @@ static ssize_t slab_attr_store(struct kobject *kobj,
    return -EIO;

    err = attribute->store(s, buf, len);
+#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ if (slab_state < FULL)
+ return err;

+ if ((err < 0) || (s->memcg_params.id == -1))
+ return err;
+
+ list_for_each_entry(p, &s->memcg_params.sibling_list, sibling_list) {
+ c = container_of(p, struct kmem_cache, memcg_params);
+ /* return value determined by the parent cache only */
+ attribute->store(c, buf, len);
+ }
+#endif
    return err;
}
```

--  
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Subject: [PATCH v3 15/16] memcg/sl[au]b: shrink dead caches  
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In the slub allocator, when the last object of a page goes away, we don't necessarily free it - there is not necessarily a test for empty page in any slab\_free path.

This means that when we destroy a memcg cache that happened to be empty, those caches may take a lot of time to go away: removing the memcg reference won't destroy them - because there are pending references, and the empty pages will stay there, until a shrinker is called upon for any reason.

This patch marks all memcg caches as dead. kmem\_cache\_shrink is called for the ones who are not yet dead - this will force internal cache reorganization, and then all references to empty pages will be removed.

An unlikely branch is used to make sure this case does not affect performance in the usual slab\_free path.

The slab allocator has a time based reaper that would eventually get rid of the objects, but we can also call it explicitly, since dead caches are not a likely event.

[ v2: also call verify\_dead for the slab ]

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---  
include/linux/slab.h | 3 +++  
mm/memcontrol.c | 44 +++++  
mm/slab.c | 2 ++  
mm/slab.h | 10 +++++  
mm/slub.c | 1 +  
5 files changed, 59 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)

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

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index 9badb8c..765e12c 100644
--- a/include/linux/slab.h
+++ b/include/linux/slab.h
@@ -182,6 +182,8 @@ unsigned int kmem_cache_size(struct kmem_cache *);
#endif

#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
#include <linux/workqueue.h>
+
struct mem_cgroup_cache_params {
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg;
    struct kmem_cache *parent;
@@ -190,6 +192,7 @@ struct mem_cgroup_cache_params {
    atomic_t nr_pages;
    struct list_head destroyed_list; /* Used when deleting memcg cache */
    struct list_head sibling_list;
+ struct work_struct cache_shrinker;
};
#endif

diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index da38652..c0cf564 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -578,7 +578,7 @@ static char *memcg_cache_name(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct
kmem_cache *cache

    BUG_ON(dentry == NULL);

- name = kasprintf(GFP_KERNEL, "%s(%d:%s)",
+ name = kasprintf(GFP_KERNEL, "%s(%d:%s)dead",
    cachep->name, css_id(&memcg->css), dentry->d_name.name);

    return name;
@@ -739,12 +739,25 @@ static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
    WARN_ON(res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE) != 0);
}

+static void cache_shrinker_work_func(struct work_struct *work)
+{
+ struct mem_cgroup_cache_params *params;
+ struct kmem_cache *cachep;
+
+ params = container_of(work, struct mem_cgroup_cache_params,
+     cache_shrinker);
+ cachep = container_of(params, struct kmem_cache, memcg_params);
+
+ kmem_cache_shrink(cachep);

```



```

+}
+
static DEFINE_MUTEX(memcg_cache_mutex);
static struct kmem_cache *memcg_create_kmem_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
          struct kmem_cache *cachep)
{
    struct kmem_cache *new_cachep;
    int idx;
+ char *name;

    BUG_ON(!memcg_can_account_kmem(memcg));

@@ -764,10 +777,21 @@ static struct kmem_cache *memcg_create_kmem_cache(struct
mem_cgroup *memcg,
    goto out;
}

+ /*
+  * Because the cache is expected to duplicate the string,
+  * we must make sure it has opportunity to copy its full
+  * name. Only now we can remove the dead part from it
+  */
+ name = (char *)new_cachep->name;
+ if (name)
+ name[strlen(name) - 4] = '\0';
+
    mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
    memcg->slabs[idx] = new_cachep;
    new_cachep->memcg_params.memcg = memcg;
    atomic_set(&new_cachep->memcg_params.nr_pages, 0);
+ INIT_WORK(&new_cachep->memcg_params.cache_shrinker,
+ cache_shrinker_work_func);
out:
    mutex_unlock(&memcg_cache_mutex);
    return new_cachep;
@@ -790,6 +814,21 @@ static void kmem_cache_destroy_work_func(struct work_struct *w)
    struct mem_cgroup_cache_params *p, *tmp;
    unsigned long flags;
    LIST_HEAD(del_unlocked);
+ LIST_HEAD(shrinkers);
+
+ spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
+ list_for_each_entry_safe(p, tmp, &destroyed_caches, destroyed_list) {
+ cachep = container_of(p, struct kmem_cache, memcg_params);
+ if (atomic_read(&cachep->memcg_params.nr_pages) != 0)
+ list_move(&cachep->memcg_params.destroyed_list, &shrinkers);
+ }
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);

```

```

+
+ list_for_each_entry_safe(p, tmp, &shrinkers, destroyed_list) {
+ cachep = container_of(p, struct kmem_cache, memcg_params);
+ list_del(&cachep->memcg_params.destroyed_list);
+ kmem_cache_shrink(cachep);
+ }

    spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
    list_for_each_entry_safe(p, tmp, &destroyed_caches, destroyed_list) {
@@ -867,11 +906,14 @@ static void mem_cgroup_destroy_all_caches(struct mem_cgroup
*memcg)

    spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
    for (i = 0; i < MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES; i++) {
+ char *name;
    cachep = memcg->slabs[i];
    if (!cachep)
        continue;

    cachep->memcg_params.dead = true;
+ name = (char *)cachep->name;
+ name[strlen(name)] = 'd';
    __mem_cgroup_destroy_cache(cachep);
    }
    spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
index bd9928f..6cb4abf 100644
--- a/mm/slab.c
+++ b/mm/slab.c
@@ -3785,6 +3785,8 @@ static inline void __cache_free(struct kmem_cache *cachep, void
*objp,
    }

    ac_put_obj(cachep, ac, objp);
+
+ kmem_cache_verify_dead(cachep);
    }

/**
diff --git a/mm/slab.h b/mm/slab.h
index 6024ad1..d21b982 100644
--- a/mm/slab.h
+++ b/mm/slab.h
@@ -80,6 +80,12 @@ static inline bool slab_equal_or_parent(struct kmem_cache *s,
    {
    return (p == s) || (p == s->memcg_params.parent);
    }
+

```

```
+static inline void kmem_cache_verify_dead(struct kmem_cache *s)
+{
+ if (unlikely(s->memcg_params.dead))
+ schedule_work(&s->memcg_params.cache_shrinker);
+}
#else
static inline bool cache_match_memcg(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
    struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
@@ -100,5 +106,9 @@ static inline bool slab_equal_or_parent(struct kmem_cache *s,
{
return true;
}
+
+static inline void kmem_cache_verify_dead(struct kmem_cache *s)
+{
+}
#endif
#endif
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index 0b68d15..9d79216 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -2602,6 +2602,7 @@ redo:
} else
__slab_free(s, page, x, addr);

+ kmem_cache_verify_dead(s);
}

void kmem_cache_free(struct kmem_cache *s, void *x)
--
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```

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Documentation/cgroups/memory.txt | 73 ++++++  
1 file changed, 72 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)

diff --git a/Documentation/cgroups/memory.txt b/Documentation/cgroups/memory.txt

index 4372e6b..6356379 100644

--- a/Documentation/cgroups/memory.txt

+++ b/Documentation/cgroups/memory.txt

@@ -71,6 +71,11 @@ Brief summary of control files.

memory.oom\_control # set/show oom controls.

memory.numa\_stat # show the number of memory usage per numa node

+ memory.kmem.limit\_in\_bytes # set/show hard limit for kernel memory

+ memory.kmem.usage\_in\_bytes # show current kernel memory allocation

+ memory.kmem.failcnt # show the number of kernel memory usage hits limits

+ memory.kmem.max\_usage\_in\_bytes # show max kernel memory usage recorded

+

memory.kmem.tcp.limit\_in\_bytes # set/show hard limit for tcp buf memory

memory.kmem.tcp.usage\_in\_bytes # show current tcp buf memory allocation

memory.kmem.tcp.failcnt # show the number of tcp buf memory usage hits limits

@@ -268,20 +273,80 @@ the amount of kernel memory used by the system. Kernel memory is fundamentally

different than user memory, since it can't be swapped out, which makes it possible to DoS the system by consuming too much of this precious resource.

+Kernel memory won't be accounted at all until it is limited. This allows for

+existing setups to continue working without disruption. Note that it is

+possible to account it without an effective limit by setting the limits

+to a very high number (like RESOURCE\_MAX -1page). After a controller is first

+limited, it will be kept being accounted until it is removed. The memory

+limitation itself, can of course be removed by writing -1 to

+memory.kmem.limit\_in\_bytes

+

Kernel memory limits are not imposed for the root cgroup. Usage for the root

-cgroup may or may not be accounted.

+cgroup may or may not be accounted. The memory used is accumulated into

+memory.kmem.usage\_in\_bytes, or in a separate counter when it makes sense.

+The main "kmem" counter is fed into the main counter, so kmem charges will

+also be visible from the user counter.

Currently no soft limit is implemented for kernel memory. It is future work to trigger slab reclaim when those limits are reached.

### 2.7.1 Current Kernel Memory resources accounted

+\* stack pages: every process consumes some stack pages. By accounting into

+kernel memory, we prevent new processes from being created when the kernel

+memory usage is too high.

+  
+\* slab pages: pages allocated by the SLAB or SLUB allocator are tracked. A copy  
+of each kmem\_cache is created everytime the cache is touched by the first time  
+from inside the memcg. The creation is done lazily, so some objects can still be  
+skipped while the cache is being created. All objects in a slab page should  
+belong to the same memcg. This only fails to hold when a task is migrated to a  
+different memcg during the page allocation by the cache.

+  
\* sockets memory pressure: some sockets protocols have memory pressure  
thresholds. The Memory Controller allows them to be controlled individually  
per cgroup, instead of globally.

\* tcp memory pressure: sockets memory pressure for the tcp protocol.

#### +2.7.2 The kmem\_accounted field (internal, non user visible)

+  
+The bitmap "kmem\_accounted" is responsible for controlling the lifecycle of  
+kmem accounting in a particular memcg. The bits have the following meaning:  
+  
+bit0, KMEM\_ACCOUNTED\_ACTIVE: will be set to indicate that the memcg is kmem  
+ limited due to userspace action directly to this memcg.  
+bit1, KMEM\_ACCOUNTED\_PARENT: only valid in hierarchical setups, will trigger  
+ kernel memory accounting because any ancestor of this group was accounted.  
+bit2, KMEM\_ACCOUNTED\_DEAD: will be set when a memcg is removed, and pending kmem  
+ charges are still present. When the memcg can be removed without delays,  
+ it will be, and this bit will never be set.

#### +2.7.3 Common use cases

+  
+Because the "kmem" counter is fed to the main user counter, kernel memory can  
+never be limited completely independently of user memory. Say "U" is the user  
+limit, and "K" the kernel limit. There are three possible ways limits can be  
+set:

+  
+ U != 0, K = 0:  
+ This is the standard memcg limitation mechanism already present before kmem  
+ accounting. Kernel memory is completely ignored.

+  
+ U,K != 0, K < U:  
+ Kernel memory is effectively set as a percentage of the user memory. This  
+ setup is useful in deployments where the total amount of memory per-cgroup  
+ is overcommitted. Overcommitting kernel memory limits is definitely not  
+ recommended, since the box can still run out of non-reclaimable memory.  
+ In this case, the admin could set up K so that the sum of all groups is  
+ never greater than the total memory, and freely set U at the cost of his  
+ QoS.

+  
+ U,K != 0, K >= U:

- + Since kmem charges will also be fed to the user counter, this setup gives
- + the admin a unified view of memory. Reclaim will be triggered for the cgroup
- + for both kinds of memory.

+

### 3. User Interface

#### 0. Configuration

- @@ -290,6 +355,7 @@ a. Enable CONFIG\_CGROUPS
- b. Enable CONFIG\_RESOURCE\_COUNTERS
- c. Enable CONFIG\_MEMCG
- d. Enable CONFIG\_MEMCG\_SWAP (to use swap extension)
- +d. Enable CONFIG\_MEMCG\_KMEM (to use kmem extension)

#### 1. Prepare the cgroups (see cgroups.txt, Why are cgroups needed?)

```
# mount -t tmpfs none /sys/fs/cgroup
```

- @@ -402,6 +468,11 @@ About use\_hierarchy, see Section 6.  
moved to parent(if use\_hierarchy==1) or root (if use\_hierarchy==0) and this  
cgroup will be empty.

- + Also, note that when memory.kmem.limit\_in\_bytes is set the charges due to
- + kernel pages will still be seen. This is not considered a failure and the
- + write will still return success. In this case, it is expected that
- + memory.kmem.usage\_in\_bytes == memory.usage\_in\_bytes.

+

Typical use case of this interface is that calling this before rmdir().

Because rmdir() moves all pages to parent, some out-of-use page caches can be moved to the parent. If you want to avoid that, force\_empty will be useful.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 03/16] slab: Ignore the cflgs bit in cache creation

Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 15:20:11 GMT

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On Tue, 18 Sep 2012, Glauber Costa wrote:

- > No cache should ever pass that as a creation flag, since this bit is
- > used to mark an internal decision of the slab about object placement. We
- > can just ignore this bit if it happens to be passed (such as when
- > duplicating a cache in the kmem memcg patches)

If we do this then I would like to see a general masking of internal allocator bits in kmem\_cache\_create. We could declare the highest byte to be the internal slab flags. SLUB uses two flags in that area. SLAB uses one.

F.e. add

```
#define SLAB_INTERNAL 0xFF00000000UL
```

to slab.h.

Then the flags can then be masked in mm/slab\_common.c

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 04/16] provide a common place for initcall processing in kmem\_cache

Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 15:22:00 GMT

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On Tue, 18 Sep 2012, Glauber Costa wrote:

> Both SLAB and SLUB depend on some initialization to happen when the  
> system is already booted, with all subsystems working. This is done  
> by issuing an initcall that does the final initialization.  
>  
> This patch moves that to slab\_common.c, while creating an empty  
> placeholder for the SLOB.

Acked-by: Christoph Lameter <cl@linux.com>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 08/16] slab: allow enable\_cpu\_cache to use preset values for its tunables

Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 15:25:54 GMT

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Again the same is true for SLUB. Some generic way of preserving tuning parameters would be appreciated.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/16] sl[au]b: always get the cache from its page in kfree

Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 15:28:19 GMT

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 13/16] slab: slab-specific propagation changes.  
 Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 17:00:20 GMT  
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Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 17:02:19 GMT

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 15/16] memcg/sl[au]b: shrink dead caches

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2012 07:40:26 GMT

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On 09/18/2012 09:02 PM, Christoph Lameter wrote:

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> node lists until shrink is called.

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You have already given me this feedback, and I forgot to include it here. I am sorry for this slip. It was my intention to this for the slab as well.

Thanks for the eyes!

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 13/16] slab: slab-specific propagation changes.

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2012 07:41:30 GMT

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At this point, I'd like to keep it this way if possible. I agree that it would be a lot better living in a common location, and I commit to helping you to move in that direction.

But I see no reason to have this commonization to happen first, as a pre-requisite for this.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/16] sl[au]b: always get the cache from its page in kfree  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2012 07:42:54 GMT  
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Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2012 07:44:24 GMT

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On 09/18/2012 07:25 PM, Christoph Lameter wrote:

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So you would like me to extend "slub: slub-specific propagation changes"  
to also allow for pre-set values, right?

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/16] sl[au]b: always get the cache from its page in kfree

Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2012 14:14:23 GMT

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Yes, at least add an #ifdef around this.

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> from the object in our case. I am open to suggestions if you do.

Rethink the whole memcg approach and find some other way to do it? This  
whole scheme is very intrusive and is likely to increase instability in  
the VM given the explosion of lru lists, duplication of slab caches and  
significantly more complex processing throughout the VM.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 15/16] memcg/sl[au]b: shrink dead caches  
Posted by [JoonSoo Kim](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 04:48:30 GMT  
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Hi Glauber.

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

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Especially, flush\_all() may hurt performance largely, because it call  
has\_cpu\_slab() against all the cpus.

And I know some other case it can hurt system performance.  
But, I don't mention it, because above case is sufficient to worry.

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As we already free all objects, kmem\_cache\_verify\_dead() is not invoked forever.  
I think that we need another kmem\_cache\_shrink() in  
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I don't convince that I am right, so think carefully my humble opinion.

Thanks.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 15/16] memcg/sl[au]b: shrink dead caches  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 08:40:04 GMT  
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Posted by [JoonSoo Kim](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 09:28:02 GMT  
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for its tunables

Posted by [Pekka Enberg](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 09:29:20 GMT

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On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 5:12 PM, Glauber Costa <glommer@parallels.com> wrote:

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> index e2cf984..f2d760c 100644
> --- a/mm/slab.c
> +++ b/mm/slab.c
> @@ -4141,8 +4141,19 @@ static int do_tune_cpucache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, int limit,
> static int enable_cpucache(struct kmem_cache *cachep, gfp_t gfp)
> {
>     int err;
> -    int limit, shared;
> -
> +    int limit = 0;
> +    int shared = 0;
> +    int batchcount = 0;
> +
> +#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
```

```
> +   if (cachep->memcg_params.parent) {
> +       limit = cachep->memcg_params.parent->limit;
> +       shared = cachep->memcg_params.parent->shared;
> +       batchcount = cachep->memcg_params.parent->batchcount;
```

Style nit: please introduce a variable for  
"cachep->memcg\_params.parent" to make this human-readable.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/16] sl[au]b: always get the cache from its page in kfree  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 09:30:59 GMT

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On 09/21/2012 01:33 PM, Pekka Enberg wrote:

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> right? Therefore, any performance impact should be dependent on whether

> or not kmem memcg is \*enabled\* at runtime or not.

>

> Can we use the "static key" thingy introduced by tracing folks for this?

>

Yes.



I am already using static keys extensively in this patchset, and that is how I intend to handle this particular case.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 15/16] memcg/sl[au]b: shrink dead caches  
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We are assuming all the time that the workloads that goes into a cgroup are mostly nature. When it goes away, most of the objects that were referenced are expected to go away. Because we can't guarantee all of them will, the references stay.

When we are able to call `shrink_slab()` directly on a memcg slab, which is WIP, we'll be able make those objects even rarer.

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Posted by [Pekka Enberg](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 09:33:23 GMT

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 00/16] slab accounting for memcg  
Posted by [Pekka Enberg](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 09:40:15 GMT  
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Does this sound reasonable to you Glauber?

Pekka

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/16] sl[au]b: always get the cache from its page in kfree  
Posted by [Pekka Enberg](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 09:41:52 GMT

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> >

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>

> Yes.

>

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> how I intend to handle this particular case.

Cool.

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Pekka

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 00/16] slab accounting for memcg  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 09:43:48 GMT

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On 09/21/2012 01:40 PM, Pekka Enberg wrote:

> Hi Glauber,

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Absolutely.

As I've stated before, I actually believe the kmemcg-stack and kmemcg-slab (this one) portions should be merged separately. (So we can sort out issues more easily, and point to the right place)

The first one is a lot more stable and got a lot more love. The goal of this one is to get it reviewed so we can merge as soon as we can - but not sooner.

early v3.8 sounds perfect to me.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 03/16] slab: Ignore the cflgs bit in cache creation  
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 17:33:52 GMT  
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On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:11:57PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:  
> No cache should ever pass that as a creation flag, since this bit is  
> used to mark an internal decision of the slab about object placement. We  
> can just ignore this bit if it happens to be passed (such as when  
> duplicating a cache in the kmem memcg patches)  
>  
> Signed-off-by: Glauber Costa <glommer@parallels.com>  
> CC: Christoph Lameter <cl@linux.com>  
> CC: Pekka Enberg <penberg@cs.helsinki.fi>  
> CC: David Rientjes <rientjes@google.com>  
> ---  
> mm/slab.c | 1 +  
> 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)  
>  
> diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c

```
> index a7ed60f..ccf496c 100644
> --- a/mm/slab.c
> +++ b/mm/slab.c
> @@ -2373,6 +2373,7 @@ __kmem_cache_create (struct kmem_cache *cachep, unsigned long
flags)
> int err;
> size_t size = cachep->size;
>
> + flags &= ~CFLGS_OFF_SLAB;
```

A comment explaining why this is necessary wouldn't hurt.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/16] consider a memcg parameter in  
kmem\_create\_cache

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 18:14:58 GMT

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Hello, Glauber.

On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:11:59PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

```
> +void memcg_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct kmem_cache *cachep)
> +{
> + int id = -1;
> +
> + if (!memcg)
> + id = ida_simple_get(&cache_types, 0, MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES,
> + GFP_KERNEL);
> + cachep->memcg_params.id = id;
> +}
```

I'm a bit confused. Why is id allocated only when memcg is NULL?

Also, how would the per-memcg slab/slubs appear in slabinfo? If they appear separately it might be better to give them readable cgroup names.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 06/16] memcg: infrastructure to match an allocation to the right cache

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 18:32:17 GMT

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On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:12:00PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

```
> diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
> index 04851bb..1cce5c3 100644
> --- a/mm/memcontrol.c
> +++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
> @@ -339,6 +339,11 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
> #ifdef CONFIG_INET
> struct tcp_memcontrol tcp_mem;
> #endif
> +
> +#ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
> + /* Slab accounting */
> + struct kmem_cache *slabs[MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES];
> +#endif
```

Bah, 400 entry array in struct mem\_cgroup. Can't we do something a bit more flexible?

```
> +static char *memcg_cache_name(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct kmem_cache *cachep)
> +{
> + char *name;
> + struct dentry *dentry;
> +
> + rcu_read_lock();
> + dentry = rcu_dereference(memcg->css.cgroup->dentry);
> + rcu_read_unlock();
> +
> + BUG_ON(dentry == NULL);
> +
> + name = kasprintf(GFP_KERNEL, "%s(%d:%s)",
> +   cachep->name, css_id(&memcg->css), dentry->d_name.name);
```

Maybe including full path is better, I don't know.

```
> + return name;
> +}
...
> void __init memcg_init_kmem_cache(void)
> @@ -665,6 +704,170 @@ static void disarm_kmem_keys(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
> */
> WARN_ON(res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE) != 0);
> }
> +
> +static DEFINE_MUTEX(memcg_cache_mutex);
```

Blank line missing. Or if it's used inside memcg\_create\_kmem\_cache() only move it inside the function?

```
> +static struct kmem_cache *memcg_create_kmem_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,  
> + struct kmem_cache *cachep)  
> +{  
> + struct kmem_cache *new_cachep;  
> + int idx;  
> +  
> + BUG_ON(!memcg_can_account_kmem(memcg));
```

WARN\_ON\_ONCE() generally preferred.

```
> + idx = cachep->memcg_params.id;
```

Ah, okay so the id is assigned to the "base" cache. Maybe explain it somewhere?

```
> + mutex_lock(&memcg_cache_mutex);  
> + new_cachep = memcg->slabs[idx];  
> + if (new_cachep)  
> + goto out;  
> +  
> + new_cachep = kmem_cache_dup(memcg, cachep);  
> +  
> + if (new_cachep == NULL) {  
> + new_cachep = cachep;  
> + goto out;  
> + }  
> +  
> + mem_cgroup_get(memcg);  
> + memcg->slabs[idx] = new_cachep;  
> + new_cachep->memcg_params.memcg = memcg;  
> +out:  
> + mutex_unlock(&memcg_cache_mutex);  
> + return new_cachep;  
> +}  
> +  
> +struct create_work {  
> + struct mem_cgroup *memcg;  
> + struct kmem_cache *cachep;  
> + struct list_head list;  
> +};  
> +  
> +/* Use a single spinlock for destruction and creation, not a frequent op */  
> +static DEFINE_SPINLOCK(cache_queue_lock);  
> +static LIST_HEAD(create_queue);
```



```

> +
> +/*
> + * Flush the queue of kmem_caches to create, because we're creating a cgroup.
> + *
> + * We might end up flushing other cgroups' creation requests as well, but
> + * they will just get queued again next time someone tries to make a slab
> + * allocation for them.
> + */
> +void memcg_flush_cache_create_queue(void)
> +{
...
> +static void memcg_create_cache_enqueue(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
> +      struct kmem_cache *cachep)
> +{
> + struct create_work *cw;
> + unsigned long flags;
> +
> + spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
> + list_for_each_entry(cw, &create_queue, list) {
> + if (cw->memcg == memcg && cw->cachep == cachep) {
> + spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
> + return;
> + }
> + }
> + spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
> +
> + /* The corresponding put will be done in the workqueue. */
> + if (!css_tryget(&memcg->css))
> + return;
> +
> + cw = kmalloc(sizeof(struct create_work), GFP_NOWAIT);
> + if (cw == NULL) {
> + css_put(&memcg->css);
> + return;
> + }
> +
> + cw->memcg = memcg;
> + cw->cachep = cachep;
> + spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
> + list_add_tail(&cw->list, &create_queue);
> + spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
> +
> + schedule_work(&memcg_create_cache_work);
> +}

```

Why create your own worklist and flush mechanism? Just embed a work item in create\_work and use a dedicated workqueue for flushing.

```

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

```

Do we want to wait for the work item if @gfp allows?

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 07/16] memcg: skip memcg kmem allocations in specified code regions

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 19:59:29 GMT

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Hello,

On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:12:01PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

```
> +static void memcg_stop_kmem_account(void)
> +{
> + if (!current->mm)
> + return;
> +
> + current->memcg_kmem_skip_account++;
> +}
> +
> +static void memcg_resume_kmem_account(void)
> +{
> + if (!current->mm)
> + return;
> +
> + current->memcg_kmem_skip_account--;
> +}
```

I can't say I'm a big fan of this approach. If there are enough users, maybe but can't we just annotate the affected allocations explicitly? Is this gonna have many more users?

Also, in general, can we please add some comments? I know memcg code is dearth of comments but let's please not keep it that way.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/16] sl[au]b: always get the cache from its page in kfree

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 20:07:33 GMT

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Hello,

On Fri, Sep 21, 2012 at 12:41:52PM +0300, Pekka Enberg wrote:

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> > how I intend to handle this particular case.
>
> Cool.
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> absolute minimal impact.

Not necessarily disagreeing, but I don't think it's helpful to set the bar impossibly high. Even static\_key doesn't have "exactly \*zero\*" impact. Let's stick to as minimal as possible when not in use and reasonable in use.

And, yeah, this one can be easily solved by using static\_key.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/16] sl[au]b: always get the cache from its page in kfree  
Posted by [Pekka Enberg](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 20:14:45 GMT  
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On Fri, Sep 21, 2012 at 11:07 PM, Tejun Heo <tj@kernel.org> wrote:  
> Not necessarily disagreeing, but I don't think it's helpful to set the  
> bar impossibly high. Even static\_key doesn't have "exactly \*zero\*"  
> impact. Let's stick to as minimal as possible when not in use and  
> reasonable in use.

For !CONFIG\_MEMCG\_KMEM, it should be exactly zero. No need to play games with static\_key.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 09/16] sl[au]b: always get the cache from its page in kfree  
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 20:16:02 GMT  
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On Fri, Sep 21, 2012 at 11:14:45PM +0300, Pekka Enberg wrote:  
> On Fri, Sep 21, 2012 at 11:07 PM, Tejun Heo <tj@kernel.org> wrote:  
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>  
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> games with static\_key.

Ah, misread, though you were talking about MEMCG\_KMEM && not in use. Yeap, if turned off in Kconfig, it shouldn't have any performance overhead.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 11/16] memcg: destroy memcg caches  
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 20:22:20 GMT  
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Hello, Glauber.

On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:12:05PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

```
> +static LIST_HEAD(destroyed_caches);  
> +  
> +static void kmem_cache_destroy_work_func(struct work_struct *w)  
> +{  
> + struct kmem_cache *cachep;  
> + struct mem_cgroup_cache_params *p, *tmp;  
> + unsigned long flags;  
> + LIST_HEAD(del_unlocked);  
> +  
> + spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);  
> + list_for_each_entry_safe(p, tmp, &destroyed_caches, destroyed_list) {  
> + cachep = container_of(p, struct kmem_cache, memcg_params);  
> + list_move(&cachep->memcg_params.destroyed_list, &del_unlocked);  
> + }  
> + spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);  
> +  
> + list_for_each_entry_safe(p, tmp, &del_unlocked, destroyed_list) {  
> + cachep = container_of(p, struct kmem_cache, memcg_params);  
> + list_del(&cachep->memcg_params.destroyed_list);  
> + if (!atomic_read(&cachep->memcg_params.nr_pages)) {  
> + mem_cgroup_put(cachep->memcg_params.memcg);  
> + kmem_cache_destroy(cachep);  
> + }  
> + }  
> + }  
> +static DECLARE_WORK(kmem_cache_destroy_work, kmem_cache_destroy_work_func);
```

Again, please don't build your own worklist. Just embed a work item into mem\_cgroup\_cache\_params and manipulate them. No need to duplicate what workqueue already implements.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 12/16] memcg/sl[au]b Track all the memcg children of a kmem\_cache.

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 20:31:01 GMT

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Hello, Glauber.

On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:12:06PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:  
> This enables us to remove all the children of a kmem\_cache being  
> destroyed, if for example the kernel module it's being used in  
> gets unloaded. Otherwise, the children will still point to the  
> destroyed parent.

I find the terms parent / child / sibling a bit confusing. It usually implies proper tree structure. Maybe we can use better terms which reflect the single layer structure better?

And, again, in general, please add some comments. If someone tries to understand this for the first time and takes a look at mem\_cgroup\_cache\_params, there's almost nothing to guide that person. What's the struct for? What does each field do? What are the synchronization rules?

```
> @@ -626,6 +630,9 @@ void memcg_release_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep)
> {
> if (cachep->memcg_params.id != -1)
>   ida_simple_remove(&cache_types, cachep->memcg_params.id);
> + else
> + list_del(&cachep->memcg_params.sibling_list);
> +
```

list\_del\_init() please.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 15/16] memcg/sl[au]b: shrink dead caches

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 20:40:35 GMT

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Hello, Glauber.

On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:12:09PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

```
> @@ -764,10 +777,21 @@ static struct kmem_cache *memcg_create_kmem_cache(struct
mem_cgrouop *memcg,
> goto out;
> }
>
> + /*
> + * Because the cache is expected to duplicate the string,
> + * we must make sure it has opportunity to copy its full
> + * name. Only now we can remove the dead part from it
> + */
> + name = (char *)new_cachep->name;
> + if (name)
> + name[strlen(name) - 4] = '\0';
```

This is kinda nasty. Do we really need to do this? How long would a dead cache stick around?

```
> diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
> index bd9928f..6cb4abf 100644
> --- a/mm/slab.c
> +++ b/mm/slab.c
> @@ -3785,6 +3785,8 @@ static inline void __cache_free(struct kmem_cache *cachep, void
*objp,
> }
>
> ac_put_obj(cachep, ac, objp);
> +
> + kmem_cache_verify_dead(cachep);
```

Reaping dead caches doesn't exactly sound like a high priority thing and adding a branch to hot path for that might not be the best way to do it. Why not schedule an extremely lazy deferrable delayed\_work which polls for emptiness, say, every minute or whatever?

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 00/16] slab accounting for memcg  
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 20:46:19 GMT  
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Hello,

On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:11:54PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

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>  
> There are mostly bugfixes since last submission.  
>  
> For a detailed explanation about this series, please refer to my previous post  
> (Subj: [PATCH v3 00/13] kmem controller for memcg.)

In general, things look good to me. I think the basic approach is manageable and does a decent job of avoiding introducing complications on the usual code paths.

Pekka seems generally happy with the approach too. Christoph, what do you think?

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 00/16] slab accounting for memcg

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 20:47:27 GMT

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On Fri, Sep 21, 2012 at 01:46:19PM -0700, Tejun Heo wrote:

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> manageable and does a decent job of avoiding introducing complications  
> on the usual code paths.  
>  
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> you think?

Ooh, also, why aren't Andrew and Michal not cc'd?

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 06/16] memcg: infrastructure to match an allocation to the right cache



Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2012 20:52:36 GMT

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Missed some stuff.

On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:12:00PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

```
> +static struct kmem_cache *memcg_create_kmem_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,  
> +      struct kmem_cache *cachep)  
> +{  
...  
> + memcg->slabs[idx] = new_cachep;  
...  
> +struct kmem_cache *__memcg_kmem_get_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep,  
> +      gfp_t gfp)  
> +{  
...  
> + return memcg->slabs[idx];
```

I think you need memory barriers for the above pair.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/16] consider a memcg parameter in  
kmem\_create\_cache

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 08:12:23 GMT

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On 09/21/2012 10:14 PM, Tejun Heo wrote:

```
> Hello, Glauber.  
>  
> On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:11:59PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:  
>> +void memcg_register_cache(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct kmem_cache *cachep)  
>> +{  
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>> +  
>> + if (!memcg)  
>> + id = ida_simple_get(&cache_types, 0, MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES,  
>> +      GFP_KERNEL);  
>> + cachep->memcg_params.id = id;  
>> +}  
>  
> I'm a bit confused. Why is id allocated only when memcg is NULL?  
>
```

I think you figured that out already from your answer in another patch, right? But I'll add a comment here since it seems to be a natural search point for people, explaining the mechanism.

> Also, how would the per-memcg slab/slubs appear in slabinfo? If they  
> appear separately it might be better to give them readable cgroup  
> names.  
>

The new caches will appear under /proc/slabinfo with the rest, with a string appended that identifies the group.

> Thanks.  
>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 00/16] slab accounting for memcg  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 08:15:51 GMT  
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On 09/22/2012 12:46 AM, Tejun Heo wrote:

> Hello,

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> On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:11:54PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

>> This is a followup to the previous kmem series. I divided them logically  
>> so it gets easier for reviewers. But I believe they are ready to be merged  
>> together (although we can do a two-pass merge if people would prefer)

>>

>> Throwaway git tree found at:

>>

>> [git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/glommer/memcg](http://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/glommer/memcg). git kmemcg-slab

>>

>> There are mostly bugfixes since last submission.

>>

>> For a detailed explanation about this series, please refer to my previous post  
>> (Subj: [PATCH v3 00/13] kmem controller for memcg.)

>

> In general, things look good to me. I think the basic approach is  
> manageable and does a decent job of avoiding introducing complications  
> on the usual code paths.

>

> Pekka seems generally happy with the approach too. Christoph, what do  
> you think?

>

> Thanks.

>

I myself think that while the approach is okay, this would need one or two more versions for us to sort out some issues that are still remaining.

I'd very much like to have the kmemcg-stack series seeing its way forward first. Mel Gorman said he would try his best to review it his week, and I don't plan to resubmit anything before that.

After that, I plan to rebase at least this one again.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 06/16] memcg: infrastructure to match an allocation to the right cache

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 08:17:37 GMT

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On 09/22/2012 12:52 AM, Tejun Heo wrote:

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> ...

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> ...

>> +struct kmem\_cache \* \_\_memcg\_kmem\_get\_cache(struct kmem\_cache \*cachep,

>> + gfp\_t gfp)

>> +{

> ...

>> + return memcg->slabs[idx];

>

> I think you need memory barriers for the above pair.

>

> Thanks.

>

Why is that?

We'll either see a value, or NULL. If we see NULL, we assume the cache is not yet created. Not a big deal.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 15/16] memcg/sl[au]b: shrink dead caches

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 08:25:00 GMT

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On 09/22/2012 12:40 AM, Tejun Heo wrote:

> Hello, Glauber.

>

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> On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:12:09PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:
>> @@ -764,10 +777,21 @@ static struct kmem_cache *memcg_create_kmem_cache(struct
mem_cggroup *memcg,
>> goto out;
>> }
>>
>> + /*
>> + * Because the cache is expected to duplicate the string,
>> + * we must make sure it has opportunity to copy its full
>> + * name. Only now we can remove the dead part from it
>> + */
>> + name = (char *)new_cachep->name;
>> + if (name)
>> + name[strlen(name) - 4] = '\0';
>
> This is kinda nasty. Do we really need to do this? How long would a
> dead cache stick around?

```

Without targeted shrinking, until all objects are manually freed, which may need to wait global reclaim to kick in.

In general, if we agree with duplicating the caches, the problem that they may stick around for some time will not be avoidable. If you have any suggestions about alternative ways for it, I'm all ears.

```

>
>> diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
>> index bd9928f..6cb4abf 100644
>> --- a/mm/slab.c
>> +++ b/mm/slab.c
>> @@ -3785,6 +3785,8 @@ static inline void __cache_free(struct kmem_cache *cachep, void
*objp,
>> }
>>
>> ac_put_obj(cachep, ac, objp);
>> +
>> + kmem_cache_verify_dead(cachep);
>
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> and adding a branch to hot path for that might not be the best way to
> do it. Why not schedule an extremely lazy deferrable delayed_work
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Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 08:46:35 GMT

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On 09/21/2012 10:32 PM, Tejun Heo wrote:

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>> index 04851bb..1cce5c3 100644

>> --- a/mm/memcontrol.c

>> +++ b/mm/memcontrol.c

>> @@ -339,6 +339,11 @@ struct mem\_cgroup {

>> #ifdef CONFIG\_INET

>> struct tcp\_memcontrol tcp\_mem;

>> #endif

>> +

>> +#ifdef CONFIG\_MEMCG\_KMEM

>> + /\* Slab accounting \*/

>> + struct kmem\_cache \*slabs[MAX\_KMEM\_CACHE\_TYPES];

>> +#endif

>

> Bah, 400 entry array in struct mem\_cgroup. Can't we do something a

> bit more flexible?

>

I guess. I still would like it to be an array, so we can easily access its fields. There are two ways around this:

1) Do like the events mechanism and allocate this in a separate structure. Add a pointer chase in the access, and I don't think it helps much because it gets allocated anyway. But we could at least defer it to the time when we limit the cache.

2) The indexes are only assigned after the slab is FULL. At that time, a lot of the caches are already initialized. We can, for instance, allow for "twice the number we have in the system", which already provides room for a couple of more appearing. Combining with the 1st approach, we can defer it to limit-time, and then allow for, say, 50 % more caches than we already have. The pointer chasing may very well be worth it...

```

>> +static char *memcg_cache_name(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct kmem_cache *cachep)
>> +{
>> + char *name;
>> + struct dentry *dentry;
>> +
>> + rcu_read_lock();
>> + dentry = rcu_dereference(memcg->css.cgroup->dentry);
>> + rcu_read_unlock();
>> +
>> + BUG_ON(dentry == NULL);
>> +
>> + name = kasprintf(GFP_KERNEL, "%s(%d:%s)",
>> +   cachep->name, css_id(&memcg->css), dentry->d_name.name);
>
> Maybe including full path is better, I don't know.

```

It can get way too big.

```

>> +static void memcg_create_cache_enqueue(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
>> +   struct kmem_cache *cachep)
>> +{
>> + struct create_work *cw;
>> + unsigned long flags;
>> +
>> + spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
>> + list_for_each_entry(cw, &create_queue, list) {
>> +   if (cw->memcg == memcg && cw->cachep == cachep) {
>> +     spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
>> +     return;
>> +   }
>> + }
>> + spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
>> +
>> + /* The corresponding put will be done in the workqueue. */
>> + if (!css_tryget(&memcg->css))
>> +   return;
>> +
>> + cw = kmalloc(sizeof(struct create_work), GFP_NOWAIT);
>> + if (cw == NULL) {
>> +   css_put(&memcg->css);
>> +   return;
>> + }
>> +
>> + cw->memcg = memcg;
>> + cw->cachep = cachep;
>> + spin_lock_irqsave(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
>> + list_add_tail(&cw->list, &create_queue);

```

```
>> + spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cache_queue_lock, flags);
>> +
>> + schedule_work(&memcg_create_cache_work);
>> +}
>
> Why create your own worklist and flush mechanism? Just embed a work
> item in create_work and use a dedicated workqueue for flushing.
```

I'll take a look at this.

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

> Do we want to wait for the work item if @gfp allows?

>

I tried this once, and it got complicated enough that I deemed as "not worth it". I honestly don't remember much of the details now, it was one of the first things I tried, and a bunch of time has passed. If you think it is absolutely worth it, I can try it again. But at the very best, I view this as an optimization.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 07/16] memcg: skip memcg kmem allocations in specified code regions

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 09:09:23 GMT

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On 09/21/2012 11:59 PM, Tejun Heo wrote:

> Hello,

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> On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 06:12:01PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

```
>> +static void memcg_stop_kmem_account(void)
```

```
>> +{
```

```
>> + if (!current->mm)
```

```
>> + return;
```

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>> +
```

```
>> + current->memcg_kmem_skip_account++;
```

```
>> +}
```

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>> +
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```
>> +static void memcg_resume_kmem_account(void)
```

```
>> +{
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```
>> + if (!current->mm)
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```
>> + return;
```

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>> +
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```

```
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```

>

> I can't say I'm a big fan of this approach. If there are enough  
> users, maybe but can't we just annotate the affected allocations  
> explicitly? Is this gonna have many more users?

>

What exactly do you mean by annotating the affected allocations?

There are currently two users of this. In both places, we are interested in disallowing recursion, because cache creation will trigger new cache allocations that will bring us back here.

We can't rely on unsetting the GFP flag we're using for this, because that affects only the page allocation, not the metadata allocation for



the cache.

> Also, in general, can we please add some comments? I know memcg code  
> is dearth of comments but let's please not keep it that way.  
>  
> All right here.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/16] consider a memcg parameter in  
kmem\_create\_cache

Posted by [christoph](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 12:41:26 GMT

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On Sep 24, 2012, at 3:12, Glauber Costa <[glommer@parallels.com](mailto:glommer@parallels.com)> wrote:

> On 09/21/2012 10:14 PM, Tejun Heo wrote:  
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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/16] consider a memcg parameter in  
kmem\_create\_cache

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 12:41:36 GMT

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On 09/24/2012 04:41 PM, Christoph wrote:

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kmem\_create\_cache  
Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 13:42:05 GMT  
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The current scheme for memory statistics is

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/16] consider a memcg parameter in  
kmem\_create\_cache  
Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 13:44:24 GMT  
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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/16] consider a memcg parameter in kmem\_create\_cache  
Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 13:56:32 GMT  
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Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 13:57:55 GMT  
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On 09/24/2012 05:56 PM, Christoph Lameter wrote:

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Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 15:36:44 GMT

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On 09/24/2012 07:38 PM, Pekka Enberg wrote:

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Posted by [Pekka Enberg](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 15:38:48 GMT

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Yes. Make it similar to the way /proc/meminfo is handled.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/16] consider a memcg parameter in kmem\_create\_cache

Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 17:39:49 GMT

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On Mon, 24 Sep 2012, Pekka Enberg wrote:

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> the cgroups directory and /proc/slabinfo includes aggregated counts,  
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Caches would appear either in cgroup/slabinfo (which would have the same format as /proc/slabinfo) or in cgroup/slab/<slabname>/<fieldname> (similar to /sys/kernel/slab/...)

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 15/16] memcg/sl[au]b: shrink dead caches

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 17:43:46 GMT

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It's still an otherwise unnecessary branch on a very hot path. If you can remove it, there's no reason not to.

Thanks.

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tejun

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IOW, can't you just pass down an extra argument / flag / whatever instead?

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 06/16] memcg: infrastructure to match an allocation to the right cache

Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2012 17:56:19 GMT

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Hello, Glauber.

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```
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Start at some reasonable size and then double it as usage grows? How  
many kmem\_caches do we typically end up using?

> >> + if (memcg->slabs[idx] == NULL) {  
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> think it is absolutely worth it, I can try it again. But at the very  
> best, I view this as an optimization.

I don't know. It seems like a logical thing to try and depends on how  
complex it gets. I don't think it's a must. The whole thing is  
somewhat opportunistic after all.

Thanks.

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> >

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> >> +static struct kmem\_cache \*memcg\_create\_kmem\_cache(struct mem\_cgroup \*memcg,



```
> >> + struct kmem_cache *cachep)
> >> +{
> > ...
> >> + memcg->slabs[idx] = new_cachep;
> > ...
> >> +struct kmem_cache * __memcg_kmem_get_cache(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
> >> + gfp_t gfp)
> >> +{
> > ...
> >> + return memcg->slabs[idx];
> >
> > I think you need memory barriers for the above pair.
> >
> > Thanks.
> >
> >
> > Why is that?
> >
> > We'll either see a value, or NULL. If we see NULL, we assume the cache
> > is not yet created. Not a big deal.
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Because when you see !NULL cache pointer you want to be able to see the cache fully initialized. You need wmb between cache creation and pointer assignment and at least read\_barrier\_depends() between fetching the cache pointer and dereferencing it.

Thanks.

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tejun

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 06/16] memcg: infrastructure to match an allocation to the right cache

Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Tue, 25 Sep 2012 13:57:38 GMT

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On 09/24/2012 09:56 PM, Tejun Heo wrote:

> Hello, Glauber.

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> On Mon, Sep 24, 2012 at 12:46:35PM +0400, Glauber Costa wrote:

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>>>> + #ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
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>>>> + /* Slab accounting */
```

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>>>> + struct kmem_cache *slabs[MAX_KMEM_CACHE_TYPES];
```

```
>>>> + #endif
```

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>>>
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>>> Bah, 400 entry array in struct mem\_cgroup. Can't we do something a

>>> bit more flexible?

>>>  
>>  
>> I guess. I still would like it to be an array, so we can easily access  
>> its fields. There are two ways around this:  
>>  
>> 1) Do like the events mechanism and allocate this in a separate  
>> structure. Add a pointer chase in the access, and I don't think it helps  
>> much because it gets allocated anyway. But we could at least  
>> defer it to the time when we limit the cache.  
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right cache

Posted by [Christoph Lameter](#) on Tue, 25 Sep 2012 16:28:11 GMT

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Some drivers/subsystems can dynamically create slabs as needed for new  
devices or instances of metadata. You cannot use a fixed size  
array and cannot establish an upper boundary for the number of slabs on  
the system.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH v3 05/16] consider a memcg parameter in  
kmem\_create\_cache

Posted by [Michal Hocko](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2012 14:46:10 GMT

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On Tue 18-09-12 18:11:59, Glauber Costa wrote:

- > Allow a memcg parameter to be passed during cache creation.
- > When the slub allocator is being used, it will only merge
- > caches that belong to the same memcg.
- >
- > Default function is created as a wrapper, passing NULL
- > to the memcg version. We only merge caches that belong
- > to the same memcg.
- >
- > From the memcontrol.c side, 3 helper functions are created:
- >
- > 1) memcg\_css\_id: because slub needs a unique cache name
- > for sysfs. Since this is visible, but not the canonical
- > location for slab data, the cache name is not used, the
- > css\_id should suffice.
- >
- > 2) mem\_cgroup\_register\_cache: is responsible for assigning
- > a unique index to each cache, and other general purpose
- > setup. The index is only assigned for the root caches. All
- > others are assigned index == -1.

It would be nice to describe what is memcg\_params.id intended for. There is no usage in this patch (except for create\_unique\_id in slub).

I guess that by root caches you mean all default caches with memcg==NULL, right?

[...]

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