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Subject: [PATCH 1/3] Introduce cpuid\_on\_cpu() and cpuid\_eax\_on\_cpu()  
Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Mon, 02 Apr 2007 11:32:05 GMT  
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```
arch/i386/lib/Makefile      | 2 -
arch/i386/lib/cpuid-on-cpu.c | 67 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
arch/x86_64/lib/Makefile    | 2 -
arch/x86_64/lib/cpuid-on-cpu.c | 1
include/asm-i386/processor.h | 15 +++++
include/asm-x86_64/msr.h    | 13 +++++
6 files changed, 98 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)
```

```
--- a/arch/i386/lib/Makefile
+++ b/arch/i386/lib/Makefile
@@ -8,4 +8,4 @@ lib-y = checksum.o delay.o usercopy.o getuser.o putuser.o memcpy.o strstr.o
\
```

```
lib-$(CONFIG_X86_USE_3DNOW) += mmx.o
```

```
-obj-$(CONFIG_SMP) += msr-on-cpu.o
+obj-$(CONFIG_SMP) += cpuid-on-cpu.o msr-on-cpu.o
--- a/arch/x86_64/lib/Makefile
+++ b/arch/x86_64/lib/Makefile
@@ -5,7 +5,7 @@
CFLAGS_csum-partial.o := -funroll-loops
```

```
obj-y := io.o iomap_copy.o
-obj-$(CONFIG_SMP) += msr-on-cpu.o
+obj-$(CONFIG_SMP) += cpuid-on-cpu.o msr-on-cpu.o
```

```
lib-y := csum-partial.o csum-copy.o csum-wrappers.o delay.o \
usercopy.o getuser.o putuser.o \
--- a/include/asm-i386/processor.h
+++ b/include/asm-i386/processor.h
@@ -643,6 +643,21 @@ static inline unsigned int cpuid_edx(unsigned int op)
return edx;
}
```

```
+#ifdef CONFIG_SMP
+void cpuid_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 op, u32 *eax, u32 *ebx, u32 *ecx, u32 *edx);
```

```

+u32 cpuid_eax_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 op);
+
+static inline void cpuid_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 op, u32 *eax, u32 *ebx, u32 *ecx, u32
+*edx)
+{
+ cpuid(op, eax, ebx, ecx, edx);
+}
+
+static inline u32 cpuid_eax_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 op)
+{
+ return cpuid_eax(op);
+}
+
+
+/* generic versions from gas */
+#define GENERIC_NOP1 ".byte 0x90\n"
+#define GENERIC_NOP2 ".byte 0x89,0xf6\n"
+--- a/include/asm-x86_64/msr.h
++++ b/include/asm-x86_64/msr.h
@@ -163,6 +163,9 @@ static inline unsigned int cpuid_edx(unsigned int op)
#ifdef CONFIG_SMP
void rdmsr_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 msr_no, u32 *l, u32 *h);
void wrmsr_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 msr_no, u32 l, u32 h);
+
+void cpuid_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 op, u32 *eax, u32 *ebx, u32 *ecx, u32 *edx);
+u32 cpuid_eax_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 op);
+
+/* CONFIG_SMP */
+static inline void rdmsr_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 msr_no, u32 *l, u32 *h)
+{
+
+@@ -172,6 +175,16 @@ static inline void wrmsr_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 msr_no, u32 l,
+u32 h)
+{
+ wrmsr(msr_no, l, h);
+}
+
+static inline void cpuid_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 op, u32 *eax, u32 *ebx, u32 *ecx, u32
+*edx)
+{
+ cpuid(op, eax, ebx, ecx, edx);
+}
+
+static inline u32 cpuid_eax_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 op)
+{
+ return cpuid_eax(op);
+}
+
+endif /* CONFIG_SMP */
+
+endif

```

```

--- /dev/null
+++ b/arch/i386/lib/cpuid-on-cpu.c
@@ -0,0 +1,67 @@
#include <linux/module.h>
#include <linux/preempt.h>
#include <linux/smp.h>
#include <linux/types.h>
+
+struct cpuid_info {
+ u32 op;
+ u32 eax, ebx, ecx, edx;
+};
+
+static void __cpuid_on_cpu(void *info)
+{
+ struct cpuid_info *rv = info;
+
+ cpuid(rv->op, &rv->eax, &rv->ebx, &rv->ecx, &rv->edx);
+}
+
+void cpuid_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 op, u32 *eax, u32 *ebx, u32 *ecx, u32 *edx)
+{
+ preempt_disable();
+ if (smp_processor_id() == cpu)
+ cpuid(op, eax, ebx, ecx, edx);
+ else {
+ struct cpuid_info rv;
+
+ rv.op = op;
+ smp_call_function_single(cpu, __cpuid_on_cpu, &rv, 0, 1);
+ *eax = rv.eax;
+ *ebx = rv.ebx;
+ *ecx = rv.ecx;
+ *edx = rv.edx;
+ }
+ preempt_enable();
+}
+
+struct cpuid_eax_info {
+ u32 op;
+ u32 eax;
+};
+
+static void __cpuid_eax_on_cpu(void *info)
+{
+ struct cpuid_info *rv = info;
+
+ rv->eax = cpuid_eax(rv->op);

```

```

+}
+
+u32 cpuid_eax_on_cpu(unsigned int cpu, u32 op)
+{
+ u32 ret;
+
+ preempt_disable();
+ if (smp_processor_id() == cpu)
+ ret = cpuid_eax(op);
+ else {
+ struct cpuid_eax_info rv;
+
+ rv.op = op;
+ smp_call_function_single(cpu, __cpuid_eax_on_cpu, &rv, 0, 1);
+ ret = rv.eax;
+ }
+ preempt_enable();
+ return ret;
+}
+
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(cpuid_on_cpu);
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(cpuid_eax_on_cpu);
+--- /dev/null
++++ b/arch/x86_64/lib/cpuid-on-cpu.c
@@ -0,0 +1 @@
+#include "../i386/lib/cpuid-on-cpu.c"

```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/3] Introduce cpuid\_on\_cpu() and cpuid\_eax\_on\_cpu()  
 Posted by [claudiuc](#) on Mon, 02 Apr 2007 11:33:25 GMT  
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/3] Introduce cpuid\_on\_cpu() and cpuid\_eax\_on\_cpu()  
 Posted by [Andi Kleen](#) on Mon, 02 Apr 2007 12:10:29 GMT  
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On Monday 02 April 2007 13:38, Alexey Dobriyan wrote:

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Also it has weird semantics. For example if you have multiple virtual CPUs mapping to a single CPU then would the powernow-k8 driver try to set the frequency multiple times on the same physical CPU? That might go wrong actually because the CPU might not be happy to be poked again while it is already in a frequency change. Also there is no locking so in theory two vcpus might try to change frequency in parallel with probably quite bad effects.

I'm sure there are other scenarios with similar problems. e.g. what happens with microcode updates etc.?

Before adding any hacks like this I think your vcpu concept needs to be discussed properly on l-k. For me it doesn't look like it is something good right now though.

-Andi

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/3] Introduce `cpuid_on_cpu()` and `cpuid_eax_on_cpu()`  
Posted by [hpa](#) on Mon, 02 Apr 2007 16:20:16 GMT  
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The CPUID and MSR drivers do not schedule to the target CPU; instead, on hardware, they rely on IPI'ing the target processor if it is not the one that's currently running.

There were a lot of discussion back when about which was the better solution. Alan Cox, in particular, really preferred the interrupt solution as being less likely to cause implicit deadlock.

I do want to add that it's been on my list for some time -- in fact, I keep implementing it half-way and then having other things to do -- to add MSR and CPUID ioctls() that allow the full register file to be set and read back, in order to support architecturally broken MSR and CPUID levels.

-hpa

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/3] Introduce cpuid\_on\_cpu() and cpuid\_eax\_on\_cpu()  
Posted by [Andi Kleen](#) on Mon, 02 Apr 2007 16:55:55 GMT  
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But powernow-k8 does.

-Andi

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/3] Introduce cpuid\_on\_cpu() and cpuid\_eax\_on\_cpu()  
Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Tue, 03 Apr 2007 13:33:31 GMT  
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On Mon, Apr 02, 2007 at 02:10:29PM +0200, Andi Kleen wrote:

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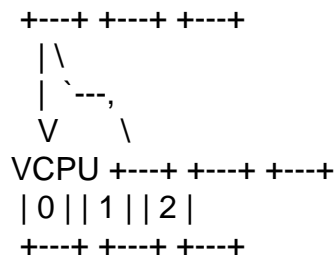
> This means openvz has multiple virtual CPU levels?

Not sure what do you mean.

> One for cpuid/rdmsr and one for the rest of the kernel?

Now I think I do. No, only one VCPU level:

+---+ +---+ +---+  
PCPU | 0 | | 1 | | 2 |



PCPU chooses VCPU, chooses task from it's runqueue, or becomes idle.

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- > to the target CPU so they should already run there. But it is some other CPU,
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\*`_on_cpu` functions do some work on given physical CPU.

`set_cpus_allowed()` in `openvz` operates on VCPU level, so process doing `set_cpus_allowed()` still could be scheduled anywhere. Which horribly breaks `cpufreq` drivers. To unbreak them, we need a way to do frequency changing work on given PCPU whose number comes from `/sys/*/cpu/cpu*` hierarchy.

- > That sounds quite fragile and will likely break often. I just rejected a similar
- > concept -- virtual nodes and "physical nodes" for similar reasons.

Care to drop a link, so I could compare them? Don't recall something like that posted on I-k.

- > Also it has weird semantics. For example if you have multiple
- > virtual CPUs mapping to a single CPU then would the `powernow-k8` driver
- > try to set the frequency multiple times on the same physical CPU?

If core `cpufreq` locking is OK, why would it?

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`apply_microcode()` looks small enough to convert it to IPIs, but so far nobody asked for microcode updates in `openvz`.

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> something good right now though.

Andi, I think it all relies on correctness of core cpufreq locking. Core cpufreq locking is not changed with these patches so number of bugs should stay the same.

current way    new way

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```
set_cpus_allowed(cpu);
[frequency change part #1] [IPI part #1]
<=== nasty here ===>
[frequency change part #2] [IPI part #2]
set_cpus_allowed(old)
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/3] Introduce cpuid\_on\_cpu() and cpuid\_eax\_on\_cpu()

Posted by [Andi Kleen](#) on Tue, 03 Apr 2007 13:42:50 GMT

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It won't know about multiple CPUs mapping to a single CPU.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/3] Introduce cpuid\_on\_cpu() and cpuid\_eax\_on\_cpu()  
Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Tue, 03 Apr 2007 14:50:13 GMT  
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On Tue, Apr 03, 2007 at 03:42:50PM +0200, Andi Kleen wrote:

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Synchronization primitives work as expected. Otherwise openvz'd be buried in bugs all over the map.

Core cpufreq has per-cpu array of rw-semaphores but the index of semaphore one want to down comes from userspace not from number of CPU process is executing virtual or physical.

Probably davej could say something.

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