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Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [PATCH 0/2] resource control file system - aka containers on top of nsproxy!

Posted by [serue](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2007 15:56:43 GMT

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Quoting Srivatsa Vaddagiri (vatsa@in.ibm.com):

> On Fri, Mar 09, 2007 at 02:09:35PM -0800, Paul Menage wrote:

> > > 3. This next leads me to think that 'tasks' file in each directory doesnt make  
> > > sense for containers. In fact it can lend itself to error situations (by  
> > > administrator/script mistake) when some tasks of a container are in one  
> > > resource class while others are in a different class.

> > > Instead, from a containers pov, it may be usefull to write  
> > > a 'container id' (if such a thing exists) into the tasks file  
> > > which will move all the tasks of the container into  
> > > the new resource class. This is the same requirement we  
> > > discussed long back of moving all threads of a process into new  
> > > resource class.

> > I think you need to give a more concrete example and use case of what  
> > you're trying to propose here. I don't really see what advantage  
> > you're getting.

>  
> Ok, this is what I had in mind:

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>  
> mount -t container -o ns /dev/namespace  
> mount -t container -o cpu /dev/cpu  
>

> Lets we have the namespaces/resource-groups created as under:

>  
> /dev/namespace  
> |-- prof  
> | |-- tasks <- (T1, T2)  
> | | |-- container\_id <- 1 (doesnt exist today perhaps)  
> |  
> |-- student  
> | |-- tasks <- (T3, T4)  
> | | |-- container\_id <- 2 (doesnt exist today perhaps)  
>

> /dev/cpu  
> |-- prof  
> | |-- tasks  
> | | |-- cpu\_limit (40%)  
> |  
> |-- student  
> | |-- tasks  
> | | |-- cpu\_limit (20%)

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>  
> Is it possible to create the above structure in container patches?  
> /me thinks so.  
>  
> If so, then accidentally someone can do this:  
>  
> echo T1 > /dev/cpu/proc/tasks  
> echo T2 > /dev/cpu/student/tasks  
>  
> with the result that tasks of the same container are now in different  
> resource classes.

What's wrong with that?

> That's why in case of containers I felt we shouldn't allow individual tasks  
> to be cat'ed to tasks file.  
>  
> Or rather, it may be nice to say :  
>  
> echo "cid 2" > /dev/cpu/proc/tasks  
>  
> and have all tasks belonging to container id 2 move to the new resource  
> group.

Adding that feature sounds fine, but don't go stopping me from putting  
T1 into /dev/cpu/proc/tasks and T2 into /dev/cpu/student/tasks just  
because you have your own notion of what each task is supposed to be.  
Just because they're in the same namespaces doesn't mean they should get  
the same resource allocations. If you want to add that kind of policy,  
well, it should be policy - user-definable.

-serge

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Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [PATCH 0/2] resource control file system - aka containers  
on top of nsproxy!  
Posted by [Srivatsa Vaddagiri](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2007 16:20:45 GMT  
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On Mon, Mar 12, 2007 at 10:56:43AM -0500, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:  
> What's wrong with that?

I had been asking around on "what is the fundamental unit of res mgmt for vservers" and the answer I got (from Herbert) was "all tasks that are in the same pid namespace". From what you are saying above, it seems to be that there is no such "fundamental" unit. It can be a random mixture of tasks (taken across vservers) whose resource consumption needs to be controlled. Is that correct?

> > echo "cid 2" > /dev/cpu/proc/tasks

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> Adding that feature sounds fine,

Ok yes ..that can be a optional feature.

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Regards,  
vatsa

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Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [PATCH 0/2] resource control file system - aka containers on top of nsproxy!

Posted by [Sam Vilain](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2007 21:15:45 GMT

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Srivatsa Vaddagiri wrote:

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> of tasks (taken across vservers) whose resource consumption needs to be  
> controlled. Is that correct?

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Sure, for instance, all postgres processes across all servers might be put in a different IO and buffercache use container by the system administrator.

Sam.

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Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [PATCH 0/2] resource control file system - aka containers on top of nsproxy!

Posted by [Herbert Poetzl](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2007 23:31:13 GMT

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On Mon, Mar 12, 2007 at 09:50:45PM +0530, Srivatsa Vaddagiri wrote:

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> > What's wrong with that?

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> I had been asking around on "what is the fundamental unit of res mgmt

> for vservers" and the answer I got (from Herbert) was "all tasks that are

> in the same pid namespace". From what you are saying above, it seems to

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is a subset of that, no problem there as long as

it really \_is\_ a subset :) we always like to provide

more features in the future, no problem with that :)

best,

Herbert

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> >

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> Ok yes ..that can be a optional feature.

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> --

> Regards,

> vatsa

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Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [PATCH 0/2] resource control file system - aka containers on top of nsproxy!

Posted by [Srivatsa Vaddagiri](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 02:22:34 GMT

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On Tue, Mar 13, 2007 at 12:31:13AM +0100, Herbert Poetzl wrote:

> just means that the current Linux-VServer behaviour  
> is a subset of that, no problem there as long as  
> it really \_is\_ a subset :) we always like to provide  
> more features in the future, no problem with that :)

Considering the example Sam quoted, doesn't it make sense to split resource classes (some of them atleast) independent of each other? That would also argue for providing multiple hierarchy feature in Paul's patches.

Given that and the mail Serge sent on why nsproxy optimization is usefull given numbers, can you reconsider your earlier proposals as below:

- pid\_ns and resource parameters should be in a single struct (point 1c, 7b in [1])
- pointers to resource controlling objects should be inserted in task\_struct directly (instead of nsproxy indirection) (points 2c in [1])

[1] <http://lkml.org/lkml/2007/3/12/138>

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Regards,  
vatsa

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