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Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Tue, 05 Jun 2007 06:58:54 GMT

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Pavel Emelianov wrote:

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Posted by [xemul](#) on Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:02:00 GMT

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Balbir Singh wrote:

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>
> ----- Original Message -----
> Subject: [PATCH -RSS 2/2] Fix limit check after reclaim
> Date: Mon, 04 Jun 2007 21:03:04 +0530
> From: Balbir Singh <balbir@linux.vnet.ibm.com>
> To: Andrew Morton <akpm@osdl.org>
> CC: Linux Containers <containers@lists.osdl.org>, Balbir Singh
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    Linux Kernel Mailing List <linux-kernel@vger.kernel.org>
> References: <20070604153244.31748.50043.sendpatchset@balbir-laptop>
>
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> This patch modifies the reclaim behaviour such that before calling the
> container out of memory routine, it checks if as a result of the reclaim
> (even though pages might not be fully reclaimed), the resident set size
> of the container decreased before declaring the container as out of memory
>
> Signed-off-by: Balbir Singh <balbir@linux.vnet.ibm.com>
> ---
>
> include/linux/res_counter.h | 23 ++++++
> mm/rss_container.c          | 11 ++++++
> 2 files changed, 34 insertions(+)
>
> diff -puN mm/rss_container.c~rss-fix-limit-check-after-reclaim mm/rss_container.c
> --- linux-2.6.22-rc2-mm1/mm/rss_container.c~rss-fix-limit-check-after-reclaim 2007-06-04
20:13:40.000000000 +0530
> +++ linux-2.6.22-rc2-mm1-balbir/mm/rss_container.c 2007-06-04 20:13:40.000000000 +0530
> @@ -114,6 +114,17 @@ int container_rss_prepare(struct page *p
>     continue;
> }
>
> + /*
> +  * try_to_free_pages() might not give us a full picture
> +  * of reclaim. Some pages are reclaimed and might be moved
> +  * to swap cache or just unmapped from the container.
> +  * Check the limit again to see if the reclaim reduced the
> +  * current usage of the container before calling the
> +  * container OOM routine
> +  */
> + if (res_counter_check_under_limit(&rss->res))
> +     continue;
> +
> + container_out_of_memory(rss);
> + if (test_thread_flag(TIF_MEMDIE))
> +     goto out_charge;
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> +++ linux-2.6.22-rc2-mm1-balbir/include/linux/res_counter.h 2007-06-04 20:15:46.000000000
+0530
> @@ -99,4 +99,27 @@ int res_counter_charge(struct res_counte
> void res_counter_uncharge_locked(struct res_counter *cnt, unsigned long val);
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>
> +static inline bool res_counter_limit_check_locked(struct res_counter *cnt)
> +{
> + if (cnt->usage < cnt->limit)
> +     return true;

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> +
> + return false;
> +}
> +
> +/*
> + * Helper function to detect if the container is within it's limit or
> + * not. It's currently called from container_rss_prepare()
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> + spin_unlock_irqrestore(&cnt->lock, flags);
> + return ret;
> +}
> +
> #endif
> diff -puN mm/vmscan.c~rss-fix-limit-check-after-reclaim mm/vmscan.c
> _
>

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>   if (!did_progress)
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Yes, this looks better.

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