
Subject: Re: [0/1] [patch -mm] Add containerstats (v3)

Posted by [akpm](#) on Fri, 08 Jun 2007 19:48:16 GMT

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On Fri, 08 Jun 2007 23:43:46 +0530

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Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Sat, 09 Jun 2007 02:52:43 GMT

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Hi, Andrew,

I've added a definition of containerstats_build() even when CONFIG_CONTAINERS is turned off, it simply returns -EINVAL. That's why taskstats.c compiles, I could add an #ifdef and move the containers commands under CONFIG_CONTAINERS, but I felt taskstats.c could be clean without any #ifdef's hanging around (as much as possible).

In the next iteration, I could move out all the code to containerstats.c and make containerstats.c depend on CONFIG_CONTAINERS

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Warm Regards,
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Posted by [akpm](#) on Sat, 09 Jun 2007 08:02:02 GMT

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- That leaves CONTAINER_CPUACCT. One _could_ `select' CONTAINERS if CONTAINER_CPUACCT but I suspect that'll screw up the above (select does odd things). I think it's reasonable to have a CONTAINERS menu and under that, all the clients of it: CONTAINER_CPUACCT, CONTAINER_MEMORY_CONTROL, etc.

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Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Sat, 09 Jun 2007 08:07:53 GMT
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CONTAINER_DEBUG is actually a container subsystem whose sole purpose is to provide debugging information about any hierarchy that it's mounted as a part of. So in some senses it's in the same boat as something like cpusets or the RSS controller. CONFIG_CONTAINER_DEBUG doesn't affect any of the container framework code.

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Cpusets depends on SMP in the vanilla tree, so that's not anything new that I added.

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You mean the other way around?

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Really, CONTAINER_CPUACCT should have the same relationship to CONTAINERS as CPUSETS does.

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Oh, that's right.

But it still should depend on CONTAINERS

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Oh, OK, so CPUSETS is not a client of CONTAINERS: so it depends on CONTAINERS

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select is a nasty thing - we repeatedly have problems when using it.

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> Would it not be simplest to have CONTAINERS as the top-level
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Yes, OK - it can go that way around too. I guess my thought was that people would be more interested in enabling/disabling the subsystems themselves (cpusets, RSS, etc) than the underlying framework. But if select has problems then it's no trouble to invert it.

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