
Subject: [RFC][PATCH 0/4] Container Freezer
Posted by [Cedric Le Goater](#) on Wed, 20 Jun 2007 15:07:59 GMT
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This patchset is a prototype using the container infrastructure and the swsusp freezer to freeze a group of tasks.

2 files are defined by the freezer subsystem in the container filesystem :

* "freezer.freeze"

writing 1 will freeze all tasks and 0 unfreeze
reading will return the status of the freezer

* "freezer.kill"

writing <n> will send signal number <n> to all tasks

* Usage :

```
# mkdir /containers/freezer
# mount -t container -ofreezer freezer /containers/freezer
# mkdir /containers/freezer/0
# echo $some_pid > /containers/freezer/0/tasks
```

to get status of the freezer subsystem :

```
# cat /containers/freezer/0/freezer.freeze
RUNNING
```

to freeze all tasks in the container :

```
# echo 1 > /containers/freezer/0/freezer.freeze
# cat /containers/freezer/0/freezer.freeze
FREEZING
# cat /containers/freezer/0/freezer.freeze
FROZEN
```

to unfreeze all tasks in the container :

```
# echo 1 > /containers/freezer/0/freezer.freeze
# cat /containers/freezer/0/freezer.freeze
RUNNING
```

to kill all tasks in the container :

```
# echo 9 > /containers/freezer/0/freezer.kill
```

* Caveats:

- the FROZEN status is calculated and changed when the container file "freezer.freeze" is read.
- frozen containers will be unfreeze when a system is resumed after a suspend. This is addressed by the last patch.

* Series

The first patches make the freezer available to all architectures before implementing the freezer subsystem.

- add the TIF_FREEZE flag to all archs
- make refrigerator() available to all archs
- implement freezer subsystem
- do not unfreeze a frozen container when the system is resumed

Comments are welcome.

Thanks,

C.

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[...]

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>
> to freeze all tasks in the container :
>
> # echo 1 > /containers/freezer/0/freezer.freeze
> # cat /containers/freezer/0/freezer.freeze
> FREEZING
> # cat /containers/freezer/0/freezer.freeze
> FROZEN
>
> to unfreeze all tasks in the container :
>
> # echo 1 > /containers/freezer/0/freezer.freeze
> ^
```

that's a 0

thanks Masahiko !

C.

```
> # cat /containers/freezer/0/freezer.freeze
> RUNNING
```

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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 0/4] Container Freezer
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Quoting Cedric Le Goater (clg@fr.ibm.com):

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> Serge E. Hallyn wrote:
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> >> * Usage :
> >>
> >> # mkdir /containers/freezer
> >> # mount -t container -ofreezer freezer /containers/freezer
> >> # mkdir /containers/freezer/0
> >> # echo $some_pid > /containers/freezer/0/tasks
> >
> > I'd like to point out that by composing this with the nsproxy subsystem
> > (which I've done and tested), you can
> >
> > mount -t container -ons,freezer nsproxy /containers/freezer
```

> >
> > Then you get a new freezer subsystem automatically for every unshare
> > that you do, avoiding the need to manually do
> >
> > echo \$some_pid > /containers/freezer/0/tasks
>
> I guess that's true for any subsystem. right ?

Sure, but when this goes to lkml I expect there to be plenty of people who don't know about that quite yet, and might come away thinking this is more intrusive to use than it is.

thanks,
-serge

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