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Subject: Re: [RFC/PATCH] cgroup swap subsystem  
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Thu, 06 Mar 2008 08:33:47 GMT  
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On Thu, 06 Mar 2008 11:20:17 +0300  
Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:

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Yup. Isn't this reasonable?

Without this, if I'm a task in a 1GB limited cgroup, I can create a new one, set 2GB limit and spawn a kid into it (or move there myself) and be happy with 2GB of memory... With the proposed change, even if I set a 2GB for a subgroup it will not pass `_my_` (1GB) limit.

> Paul  
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