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Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2008 15:32:20 GMT
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Sat, 08 Mar 2008 04:44:23 GMT
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On Fri, 07 Mar 2008 18:32:20 +0300
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Warm Regards,
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I've misprinted in y tree, sorry.
The correct hierarchy as I see it is

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We cannot catch this at the limit-set-time. See, if you have a cgroup A with a 1GB limit and the usage is 999Mb, then creating a subgroup B with even 500MB limit will cause the A group consume 1.5GB of memory effectively.

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>>
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 08:24:24 GMT
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Pavel Emelyanov wrote:

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>>> };
>>>
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>>> @@ -80,7 +84,12 @@ enum {
>>>  * helpers for accounting
>>>  */
>>>
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>>> +  * the parent pointer is set only once - during the counter
>>> +  * initialization. caller then must itself provide that this
>>> +  * pointer is valid during the new counter lifetime
>>> +  */
>>> +void res_counter_init(struct res_counter *counter, struct res_counter *parent);

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>>>  * charge - try to consume more resource.
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>> can reclaim from that mem_res_cgroup.
>>

```

This is also important, so that we can reclaim from the nodes that go over their limit.

```

>>> + }
>>> + local_irq_restore(flags);
>>> + return 0;
>>>
>>> - spin_lock_irqsave(&counter->lock, flags);
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>>> - spin_unlock_irqrestore(&counter->lock, flags);

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>>> return ret;
>>> }
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>>> int node;
>>>
>>> if (unlikely((cont->parent) == NULL)) {
>>> mem = &init_mem_cgroup;
>>> init_mm.mem_cgroup = mem;
>>> - } else
>>> + parent = NULL;

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>>> + } else {
>>>   mem = kzalloc(sizeof(struct mem_cgroup), GFP_KERNEL);
>>> +   parent = mem_cgroup_from_cont(cont->parent);
>>> + }
>>>
>>>   if (mem == NULL)
>>>     return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
>>>
>>> - res_counter_init(&mem->res);
>>> + res_counter_init(&mem->res, parent ? &parent->res : NULL);
>>>
>>>   memset(&mem->info, 0, sizeof(mem->info));
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 08:32:25 GMT
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On Tue, 11 Mar 2008 11:15:56 +0300
Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:
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> + -- <mem_counter_N>
>     + -- <swap_counter_N>
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- swap_counter_X.limit can be defined independent from mem_counter_X.limit ?
- swap_conter_N1's limit and swap_counter_N's have some relationship ?

Thanks,
-kame

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 08:38:50 GMT

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Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 08:40:04 GMT
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Agree. I'll think over how to provide this facility.

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>>>> + local_irq_restore(flags);
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 08:57:43 GMT
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On Tue, Mar 11, 2008 at 1:15 AM, Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:
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> <mem_couter_0>
> + -- <swap_counter_0>
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The idea of hierarchy is good, but I don't think this particular hierarchy works for memory.

Main memory and swap space are very different resources, with very different performance characteristics. Suppose you have a 2G machine, and you want to guarantee each job 1GB of main memory, plus give them the option of 1GB of swap for when they go over the 1G main memory limit. With the hierarchy given above, you've need to give each job a 2GB mem.limit and a 1GB swap.limit, and so there would be no main memory isolation.

My feeling is that people are going to want to limit swap and main memory usage as two independent resource hierarchies more often than they're going to want to limit overall virtual memory. But assuming that there are people who need to do the latter, then you should make it configurable how the hierarchies fit together.

Alternatively, you could make it possible for a res_counter to have multiple parents (each of which constrains the overall usage of it and its siblings), and have three counters for each cgroup:

- vm_counter: overall virtual memory limit for group, parent = parent_mem_cgroup->vm_counter

- mem_counter: main memory limit for group, parents = vm_counter, parent_mem_cgroup->mem_counter

- swap_counter: swap limit for group, parents = vm_counter, parent_mem_cgroup->swap_counter

Paul

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 09:03:20 GMT
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Hi.

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> group and all the child groups. Since RSS and page cache are accounted
> together, this limit tracks the sum of (memory + swap) values over the
> subtree started at the given group.

>

It seems a bit confusing for me, because current memcg manages
only RSS and page cache, not swap.

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>>>>
>>>> mem_counter_top.usage == sum of all mem_coutner_sub.usage
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I prefer Kamezawa-san's idea.

Thanks,
Daisuke Nishimura.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical

Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 09:07:46 GMT

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On Tue, 11 Mar 2008 11:38:50 +0300

Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:

```
>>> <mem_couter_0>
>>> + -- <swap_counter_0>
>>> + -- <mem_counter_1>
>>> |   + -- <swap_counter_1>
>>> |   + -- <mem_counter_11>
>>> |   |   + -- <swap_counter_11>
>>> |   + -- <mem_counter_12>
>>> |       + -- <swap_counter_12>
>>> + -- <mem_counter_2>
>>> |   + -- <swap_counter_2>
>>> |   + -- <mem_counter_21>
>>> |   |   + -- <swap_counter_21>
>>> |   + -- <mem_counter_22>
>>> |       + -- <swap_counter_22>
>>> + -- <mem_counter_N>
>>>     + -- <swap_counter_N>
>>>     + -- <mem_counter_N1>
>>>     |   + -- <swap_counter_N1>
>>>     + -- <mem_counter_N2>
>>>         + -- <swap_counter_N2>
>>>
>> please let me confirm.
>>
>> - swap_counter_X.limit can be defined independent from mem_counter_X.limit ?
>> - swap_conter_N1's limit and swap_counter_N's have some relationship ?
>
> No. The mem_counter_N_limit is the limit for all the memory, that the
> Nth group consumes. This includes the RSS, page cache and swap for this
> group and all the child groups. Since RSS and page cache are accounted
> together, this limit tracks the sum of (memory + swap) values over the
> subtree started at the given group.
>
```

Hmm, how should I set limit to allow "tons of swap but small limit to memory".

Thanks,
-Kame

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 09:11:49 GMT
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On Tue, Mar 11, 2008 at 2:13 AM, KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki
<kamezawa.hiroyu@jp.fujitsu.com> wrote:
> or remove all relationship among counters of *different* type of resources.
> user-land-daemon will do enough jobs.
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Yes, that would be my preferred choice, if people agree that
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 09:13:25 GMT
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On Tue, 11 Mar 2008 01:57:43 -0700
"Paul Menage" <menage@google.com> wrote:

> Alternatively, you could make it possible for a res_counter to have
> multiple parents (each of which constrains the overall usage of it and
> its siblings), and have three counters for each cgroup:
>
> - vm_counter: overall virtual memory limit for group, parent =
> parent_mem_cgroup->vm_counter
>
> - mem_counter: main memory limit for group, parents = vm_counter,
> parent_mem_cgroup->mem_counter
>
> - swap_counter: swap limit for group, parents = vm_counter,
> parent_mem_cgroup->swap_counter
>
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Thanks,
-Kame

Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 09:16:58 GMT
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 09:39:03 GMT
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On Tue, 11 Mar 2008 14:46:58 +0530
Balbir Singh <balbir@linux.vnet.ibm.com> wrote:

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I have no objection to adding virtual limit itself.
(It can be considered as extended ulimit.)

But if you'd like to add relationship between virtual-limit/memory-usage-limit,
please take care to make it clear that relationship is reasonable.

- memory-usage includes page-cache.
- memory-usage doesn't include hugepages.
- How to treat MAP_NORESERVE is depends on over-commit-memory type.
how cgroup does ?
- shared memory will be counted per mmap.

Thanks,
-Kame

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 09:53:04 GMT
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KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki wrote:
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 10:03:18 GMT
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On Tue, 11 Mar 2008 15:23:04 +0530
Balbir Singh <balbir@linux.vnet.ibm.com> wrote:
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>
ok :)

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-Kame

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 15:56:08 GMT
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On Tue, Mar 11, 2008 at 2:16 AM, Balbir Singh <balbir@linux.vnet.ibm.com> wrote:
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Paul

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 15:59:38 GMT
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Paul Menage wrote:

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>

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>

Yes, I was referring to Virtual address limits (along the lines of RLIMIT_AS). I guess it's just confusing terminology. I have patches for Virtual address limits. I should send them out soon.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [yamamoto](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2008 23:05:41 GMT
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```
> @@ -36,10 +37,26 @@ int res_counter_charge(struct res_counter *counter, unsigned long val)
> {
>     int ret;
>     unsigned long flags;
> + struct res_counter *c, *unroll_c;
> +
> + local_irq_save(flags);
> + for (c = counter; c != NULL; c = c->parent) {
> +     spin_lock(&c->lock);
> +     ret = res_counter_charge_locked(c, val);
> +     spin_unlock(&c->lock);
> +     if (ret < 0)
> +         goto unroll;
> + }
> + local_irq_restore(flags);
> + return 0;
>
> - spin_lock_irqsave(&counter->lock, flags);
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> - spin_unlock_irqrestore(&counter->lock, flags);
> +unroll:
> + for (unroll_c = counter; unroll_c != c; unroll_c = unroll_c->parent) {
> +     spin_lock(&unroll_c->lock);
> +     res_counter_uncharge_locked(unroll_c, val);
> +     spin_unlock(&unroll_c->lock);
> + }
> + local_irq_restore(flags);
>     return ret;
> }
```

what prevents the topology (in particular, ->parent pointers) from changing behind us?

YAMAMOTO Takashi

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [yamamoto](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2008 23:36:50 GMT
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>
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> YAMAMOTO Takashi

```

to answer myself: cgroupfs rename doesn't allow topological changes in the first place.

btw, i think you need to do the same for res_counter_limit_check_locked as well. i'm skeptical about doing these complicated stuffs in kernel, esp. in this potentially performance critical code.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Thu, 13 Mar 2008 08:56:58 GMT
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The res_counter client must provide this. Currently cgroup subsystem does this.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 15:26:55 GMT
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Pavel Emelyanov wrote:

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>

Pavel,

Do you have any further updates on this. I think we need a way of being able to implement reclaim per hierarchy as mentioned earlier. Do you want me to take a look at it?

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Make res_counter hierarchical
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 12:06:06 GMT
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Balbir Singh wrote:

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>>
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> Pavel,
>
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No. Unfortunately I stopped following the discussion at some point and decided that nobody liked this patch that much.

> implement reclaim per hierarchy as mentioned earlier. Do you want me to take a
> look at it?

Yes, sure. I'm now busy (among other stuff) with kmemsize controller, hope I can finish its polishing and testing till summer :(

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