
Subject: [RFC PATCH 0/4] Container Freezer: Reuse Suspend Freezer
Posted by [Matt Helsley](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 21:03:16 GMT

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NOTE: Due to problems with my MTA configuration two earlier attempts reached linux-pm but not linux-kernel. Please cc linux-pm@lists.linux-foundation.org on replies.

This patchset is a prototype using the container infrastructure and the swsusp freezer to freeze a group of tasks. I've merely taken Cedric's patches, forward-ported them to 2.6.25-rc8-mm1 and done a small amount of testing.

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 unfrozen when a system is resumed after a suspend. This is addressed by the last patch.

* Series

Applies to 2.6.25-rc8-mm1

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

[RFC PATCH 1/4] Add TIF_FREEZE flag to all architectures
[RFC PATCH 2/4] Make refrigerator always available
[RFC PATCH 3/4] Implement freezer cgroup subsystem
[RFC PATCH 4/4] Skip frozen cgroups during power management resume

Each patch compiles, boots, and survives basic LTP containers and controllers tests.

Comments are welcome.

Cheers,
-Matt Helsley

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Subject: [RFC PATCH 1/4] Container Freezer: Add TIF_FREEZE flag to all architectures

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This patch is the first step in making the refrigerator() available to all architectures, even for those without power management.

The purpose of such a change is to be able to use the refrigerator() in a new control group subsystem which will implement a control group freezer.

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```
---  
include/asm-alpha/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
include/asm-avr32/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
include/asm-cris/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
include/asm-h8300/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
include/asm-m68k/thread_info.h | 1 +  
include/asm-m68knommu/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
include/asm-parisc/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
include/asm-s390/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
include/asm-sparc/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
include/asm-sparc64/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
include/asm-um/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
include/asm-v850/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
include/asm-xtensa/thread_info.h | 2 ++  
13 files changed, 25 insertions(+)
```

Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-alpha/thread_info.h

```
=====  
--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-alpha/thread_info.h  
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-alpha/thread_info.h  
@@ -76,12 +76,14 @@ register struct thread_info *__current_t  
#define TIF_UAC_SIGBUS 7  
#define TIF_MEMDIE 8  
#define TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK 9 /* restore signal mask in do_signal */  
+#define TIF_FREEZE 19 /* is freezing for suspend */  
  
#define _TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE (1<<TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE)  
#define _TIF_SIGPENDING (1<<TIF_SIGPENDING)  
#define _TIF_NEED_RESCHED (1<<TIF_NEED_RESCHED)  
#define _TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG (1<<TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG)  
#define _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK (1<<TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK)  
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1<<TIF_FREEZE)  
  
/* Work to do on interrupt/exception return. */  
#define _TIF_WORK_MASK (_TIF_SIGPENDING | _TIF_NEED_RESCHED)
```

Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-avr32/thread_info.h

```
=====  
--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-avr32/thread_info.h  
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-avr32/thread_info.h  
@@ -88,6 +88,7 @@ static inline struct thread_info *curren
```

```

#define TIF_MEMDIE 6
#define TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK 7 /* restore signal mask in do_signal */
#define TIF_CPU_GOING_TO_SLEEP 8 /* CPU is entering sleep 0 mode */
+#define TIF_FREEZE 19 /* is freezing for suspend */
#define TIF_DEBUG 30 /* debugging enabled */
#define TIF_USERSPACE 31 /* true if FS sets userspace */

@@ -99,6 +100,7 @@ static inline struct thread_info *current
#define _TIF_MEMDIE (1 << TIF_MEMDIE)
#define _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK (1 << TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK)
#define _TIF_CPU_GOING_TO_SLEEP (1 << TIF_CPU_GOING_TO_SLEEP)
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1 << TIF_FREEZE)

/* Note: The masks below must never span more than 16 bits! */

```

Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-cris/thread_info.h

```

=====
--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-cris/thread_info.h
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-cris/thread_info.h
@@ -86,6 +86,7 @@ struct thread_info {
#define TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK 9 /* restore signal mask in do_signal() */
#define TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG 16 /* true if poll_idle() is polling TIF_NEED_RESCHED */
#define TIF_MEMDIE 17
+#define TIF_FREEZE 19 /* is freezing for suspend */

#define _TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE (1<<TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE)
#define _TIF_NOTIFY_RESUME (1<<TIF_NOTIFY_RESUME)
@@ -93,6 +94,7 @@ struct thread_info {
#define _TIF_NEED_RESCHED (1<<TIF_NEED_RESCHED)
#define _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK (1<<TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK)
#define _TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG (1<<TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG)
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1<<TIF_FREEZE)

```

```

#define _TIF_WORK_MASK 0x0000FFFE /* work to do on interrupt/exception return */
#define _TIF_ALLWORK_MASK 0x0000FFFF /* work to do on any return to u-space */
Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-h8300/thread_info.h

```

```

=====
--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-h8300/thread_info.h
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-h8300/thread_info.h
@@ -92,6 +92,7 @@ static inline struct thread_info *current
    TIF_NEED_RESCHED */
#define TIF_MEMDIE 4
#define TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK 5 /* restore signal mask in do_signal() */
+#define TIF_FREEZE 19 /* is freezing for suspend */

/* as above, but as bit values */
#define _TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE (1<<TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE)
@@ -99,6 +100,7 @@ static inline struct thread_info *current

```

```

#define _TIF_NEED_RESCHED (1<<TIF_NEED_RESCHED)
#define _TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG (1<<TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG)
#define _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK (1<<TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK)
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1<<TIF_FREEZE)

#define _TIF_WORK_MASK 0x0000FFFE /* work to do on interrupt/exception return */

```

Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-m68k/thread_info.h

```

=====
--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-m68k/thread_info.h
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-m68k/thread_info.h
@@ -58,5 +58,6 @@ struct thread_info {
#define TIF_DELAYED_TRACE 14 /* single step a syscall */
#define TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE 15 /* syscall trace active */
#define TIF_MEMDIE 16
+#define TIF_FREEZE 19

```

```

#endif /* _ASM_M68K_THREAD_INFO_H */

```

Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-m68knommu/thread_info.h

```

=====
--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-m68knommu/thread_info.h
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-m68knommu/thread_info.h
@@ -88,12 +88,14 @@ static inline struct thread_info *current
#define TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG 3 /* true if poll_idle() is polling
    TIF_NEED_RESCHED */
#define TIF_MEMDIE 4
+#define TIF_FREEZE 19 /* is freezing for suspend */

```

```

/* as above, but as bit values */

```

```

#define _TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE (1<<TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE)
#define _TIF_SIGPENDING (1<<TIF_SIGPENDING)
#define _TIF_NEED_RESCHED (1<<TIF_NEED_RESCHED)
#define _TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG (1<<TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG)
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1<<TIF_FREEZE)

```

```

#define _TIF_WORK_MASK 0x0000FFFE /* work to do on interrupt/exception return */

```

Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-parisc/thread_info.h

```

=====
--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-parisc/thread_info.h
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-parisc/thread_info.h
@@ -62,6 +62,7 @@ struct thread_info {
#define TIF_32BIT 4 /* 32 bit binary */
#define TIF_MEMDIE 5
#define TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK 6 /* restore saved signal mask */
+#define TIF_FREEZE 19 /* is freezing for suspend */

```

```

#define _TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE (1 << TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE)

```

```

#define _TIF_SIGPENDING (1 << TIF_SIGPENDING)
@@ -69,6 +70,7 @@ struct thread_info {
#define _TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG (1 << TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG)
#define _TIF_32BIT (1 << TIF_32BIT)
#define _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK (1 << TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK)
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1 << TIF_FREEZE)

#define _TIF_USER_WORK_MASK  (_TIF_SIGPENDING | \
                             _TIF_NEED_RESCHED | _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK)

```

Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-s390/thread_info.h

=====

```

--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-s390/thread_info.h
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-s390/thread_info.h
@@ -101,6 +101,7 @@ static inline struct thread_info *current
     TIF_NEED_RESCHED */
#define TIF_31BIT 18 /* 32bit process */
#define TIF_MEMDIE 19
+#define TIF_FREEZE 20 /* is freezing for suspend */

```

```

#define _TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE (1<<TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE)
#define _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK (1<<TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK)
@@ -113,6 +114,7 @@ static inline struct thread_info *current
#define _TIF_USEDFFPU (1<<TIF_USEDFFPU)
#define _TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG (1<<TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG)
#define _TIF_31BIT (1<<TIF_31BIT)
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1<<TIF_FREEZE)

```

```

#endif /* __KERNEL__ */

```

Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-sparc/thread_info.h

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```

--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-sparc/thread_info.h
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-sparc/thread_info.h
@@ -137,6 +137,7 @@ BTFIXUPDEF_CALL(void, free_thread_info,
#define TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG 9 /* true if poll_idle() is polling
    * TIF_NEED_RESCHED */
#define TIF_MEMDIE 10
+#define TIF_FREEZE 19 /* is freezing for suspend */

```

```

/* as above, but as bit values */
#define _TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE (1<<TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE)
@@ -145,6 +146,7 @@ BTFIXUPDEF_CALL(void, free_thread_info,
#define _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK (1<<TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK)
#define _TIF_USEDFFPU (1<<TIF_USEDFFPU)
#define _TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG (1<<TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG)
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1<<TIF_FREEZE)

```

```

#endif /* __KERNEL__ */

```

Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-sparc64/thread_info.h

```
-----  
--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-sparc64/thread_info.h  
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-sparc64/thread_info.h  
@@ -236,6 +236,7 @@ register struct thread_info *current_thr  
#define TIF_ABI_PENDING 12  
#define TIF_MEMDIE 13  
#define TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG 14  
+#define TIF_FREEZE 19 /* is freezing for suspend */  
  
#define _TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE (1<<TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE)  
#define _TIF_SIGPENDING (1<<TIF_SIGPENDING)  
@@ -249,6 +250,7 @@ register struct thread_info *current_thr  
#define _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK (1<<TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK)  
#define _TIF_ABI_PENDING (1<<TIF_ABI_PENDING)  
#define _TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG (1<<TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG)  
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1<<TIF_FREEZE)  
  
#define _TIF_USER_WORK_MASK ((0xff << TI_FLAG_WSAVED_SHIFT) | \  
    (_TIF_SIGPENDING | _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK | \  

```

Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-um/thread_info.h

```
-----  
--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-um/thread_info.h  
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-um/thread_info.h  
@@ -83,6 +83,7 @@ static inline struct thread_info *curren  
#define TIF_MEMDIE 5  
#define TIF_SYSCALL_AUDIT 6  
#define TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK 7  
+#define TIF_FREEZE 19 /* is freezing for suspend */  
  
#define _TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE (1 << TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE)  
#define _TIF_SIGPENDING (1 << TIF_SIGPENDING)  
@@ -91,5 +92,6 @@ static inline struct thread_info *curren  
#define _TIF_MEMDIE (1 << TIF_MEMDIE)  
#define _TIF_SYSCALL_AUDIT (1 << TIF_SYSCALL_AUDIT)  
#define _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK (1 << TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK)  
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1 << TIF_FREEZE)
```

#endif

Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-v850/thread_info.h

```
-----  
--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-v850/thread_info.h  
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-v850/thread_info.h  
@@ -82,12 +82,14 @@ struct thread_info {  
#define TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG 3 /* true if poll_idle() is polling  
    TIF_NEED_RESCHED */  
#define TIF_MEMDIE 4
```

```

+#define TIF_FREEZE 19 /* is freezing for suspend */

/* as above, but as bit values */
#define _TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE (1<<TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE)
#define _TIF_SIGPENDING (1<<TIF_SIGPENDING)
#define _TIF_NEED_RESCHED (1<<TIF_NEED_RESCHED)
#define _TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG (1<<TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG)
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1<<TIF_FREEZE)

/* Size of kernel stack for each process. */
Index: 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-xtensa/thread_info.h
=====
--- 2.6.25-rc3-mm1.orig/include/asm-xtensa/thread_info.h
+++ 2.6.25-rc3-mm1/include/asm-xtensa/thread_info.h
@@ -138,6 +138,7 @@ static inline struct thread_info *current
#define TIF_MEMDIE 5
#define TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK 6 /* restore signal mask in do_signal() */
#define TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG 16 /* true if poll_idle() is polling TIF_NEED_RESCHED */
+#define TIF_FREEZE 19 /* is freezing for suspend */

#define _TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE (1<<TIF_SYSCALL_TRACE)
#define _TIF_SIGPENDING (1<<TIF_SIGPENDING)
@@ -146,6 +147,7 @@ static inline struct thread_info *current
#define _TIF_IRET (1<<TIF_IRET)
#define _TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG (1<<TIF_POLLING_NRFLAG)
#define _TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK (1<<TIF_RESTORE_SIGMASK)
+#define _TIF_FREEZE (1<<TIF_FREEZE)

#define _TIF_WORK_MASK 0x0000FFFE /* work to do on interrupt/exception return */
#define _TIF_ALLWORK_MASK 0x0000FFFF /* work to do on any return to u-space */

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Subject: [RFC PATCH 2/4] Container Freezer: Make refrigerator always available
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Now that the TIF_FREEZE flag is available in all architectures,
extract the refrigerator() and freeze_task() from kernel/power/process.c
and make it available to all.

The refrigerator() can now be used in a control group subsystem implementing a control group freezer.

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Changelog:

Merged Roland's "STOPPED is frozen enough" changes. For details see:
<http://lkml.org/lkml/2008/3/3/676>

```
include/linux/freezer.h | 19 ++-----
kernel/Makefile         | 2
kernel/freezer.c        | 124 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
kernel/power/process.c  | 113 -----
4 files changed, 132 insertions(+), 126 deletions(-)
```

Index: linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/freezer.h

=====

--- linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/include/linux/freezer.h

+++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/freezer.h

@@ -4,11 +4,10 @@

```
#define FREEZER_H_INCLUDED
```

```
#include <linux/sched.h>
```

```
#include <linux/wait.h>
```

```
ifndef CONFIG_PM_SLEEP
```

```
/*
```

```
 * Check if a process has been frozen
```

```
 */
```

```
static inline int frozen(struct task_struct *p)
```

```
{
```

```
@@ -61,22 +60,27 @@ static inline int thaw_process(struct ta
```

```
task_unlock(p);
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
extern void refrigerator(void);
```

```
-extern int freeze_processes(void);
```

```
-extern void thaw_processes(void);
```

```
static inline int try_to_freeze(void)
```

```
{
```

```
if (freezing(current)) {
```

```
refrigerator();
```

```

    return 1;
} else
    return 0;
}

+extern int freeze_task(struct task_struct *p, int with_mm_only);
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_PM_SLEEP
+
+extern int freeze_processes(void);
+extern void thaw_processes(void);
+
+/*
+ * The PF_FREEZER_SKIP flag should be set by a vfork parent right before it
+ * calls wait_for_completion(&vfork) and reset right after it returns from this
+ * function. Next, the parent should call try_to_freeze() to freeze itself
+ * appropriately in case the child has exited before the freezing of tasks is
@@ -156,22 +160,13 @@ static inline void set_freezable(void)
    __retval); \
} while (try_to_freeze()); \
__retval; \
})
#else /* !CONFIG_PM_SLEEP */
-static inline int frozen(struct task_struct *p) { return 0; }
-static inline int freezing(struct task_struct *p) { return 0; }
-static inline void set_freeze_flag(struct task_struct *p) {}
-static inline void clear_freeze_flag(struct task_struct *p) {}
-static inline int thaw_process(struct task_struct *p) { return 1; }
-
-static inline void refrigerator(void) {}
static inline int freeze_processes(void) { BUG(); return 0; }
static inline void thaw_processes(void) {}

-static inline int try_to_freeze(void) { return 0; }
-
static inline void freezer_do_not_count(void) {}
static inline void freezer_count(void) {}
static inline int freezer_should_skip(struct task_struct *p) { return 0; }
static inline void set_freezable(void) {}

```

Index: linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/Makefile

```

=====
--- linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/kernel/Makefile
+++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/Makefile
@@ -7,11 +7,11 @@ obj-y    = sched.o fork.o exec_domain.o
    sysctl.o capability.o ptrace.o timer.o user.o \
    signal.o sys.o kmod.o workqueue.o pid.o \
    rcupdate.o extable.o params.o posix-timers.o \

```

```

kthread.o wait.o kfifo.o sys_ni.o posix-cpu-timers.o mutex.o \
hrtimer.o rwsem.o nsproxy.o srcu.o semaphore.o \
- notifier.o ksysfs.o pm_qos_params.o
+ notifier.o ksysfs.o pm_qos_params.o freezer.o

```

```

obj-$(CONFIG_SYSCTL_SYSCALL_CHECK) += sysctl_check.o
obj-$(CONFIG_STACKTRACE) += stacktrace.o
obj-y += time/
obj-$(CONFIG_DEBUG_MUTEXES) += mutex-debug.o
Index: linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/freezer.c
=====

```

```

--- /dev/null
+++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/freezer.c
@@ -0,0 +1,124 @@
+/*
+ * kernel/freezer.c - Function to freeze a process
+ *
+ * Originally from kernel/power/process.c
+ */
+
+#include <linux/interrupt.h>
+#include <linux/suspend.h>
+#include <linux/module.h>
+#include <linux/syscalls.h>
+#include <linux/freezer.h>
+
+/*
+ * freezing is complete, mark current process as frozen
+ */
+static inline void frozen_process(void)
+{
+ if (!unlikely(current->flags & PF_NOFREEZE)) {
+ current->flags |= PF_FROZEN;
+ wmb();
+ }
+ clear_freeze_flag(current);
+}
+
+/* Refrigerator is place where frozen processes are stored :-). */
+void refrigerator(void)
+{
+ /* Hmm, should we be allowed to suspend when there are realtime
+ processes around? */
+ long save;
+
+ task_lock(current);
+ if (freezing(current)) {
+ frozen_process();

```

```

+ task_unlock(current);
+ } else {
+ task_unlock(current);
+ return;
+ }
+ save = current->state;
+ pr_debug("%s entered refrigerator\n", current->comm);
+
+ spin_lock_irq(&current->sigand->siglock);
+ recalc_sigpending(); /* We sent fake signal, clean it up */
+ spin_unlock_irq(&current->sigand->siglock);
+
+ for (;;) {
+ set_current_state(TASK_UNINTERRUPTIBLE);
+ if (!frozen(current))
+ break;
+ schedule();
+ }
+ pr_debug("%s left refrigerator\n", current->comm);
+ __set_current_state(save);
+}
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(refrigerator);
+
+static void fake_signal_wake_up(struct task_struct *p)
+{
+ unsigned long flags;
+
+ spin_lock_irqsave(&p->sigand->siglock, flags);
+ signal_wake_up(p, 0);
+ spin_unlock_irqrestore(&p->sigand->siglock, flags);
+}
+
+static int has_mm(struct task_struct *p)
+{
+ return (p->mm && !(p->flags & PF_BORROWED_MM));
+}
+
+/**
+ * freeze_task - send a freeze request to given task
+ * @p: task to send the request to
+ * @with_mm_only: if set, the request will only be sent if the task has its
+ * own mm
+ * Return value: 0, if @with_mm_only is set and the task has no mm of its
+ * own or the task is frozen, 1, otherwise
+ *
+ * The freeze request is sent by setting the task's TIF_FREEZE flag and
+ * either sending a fake signal to it or waking it up, depending on whether
+ * or not it has its own mm (ie. it is a user land task). If @with_mm_only

```

```
+ * is set and the task has no mm of its own (ie. it is a kernel thread),
+ * its TIF_FREEZE flag should not be set.
+ *
+ * The task_lock() is necessary to prevent races with exit_mm() or
+ * use_mm()/unuse_mm() from occurring.
+ */
```

```
+int freeze_task(struct task_struct *p, int with_mm_only)
+{
+ int ret = 1;
+
+ task_lock(p);
+ if (freezing(p)) {
+ if (has_mm(p)) {
+ if (!signal_pending(p))
+ fake_signal_wake_up(p);
+ } else {
+ if (with_mm_only)
+ ret = 0;
+ else
+ wake_up_state(p, TASK_INTERRUPTIBLE);
+ }
+ } else {
+ rmb();
+ if (frozen(p)) {
+ ret = 0;
+ } else {
+ if (has_mm(p)) {
+ set_freeze_flag(p);
+ fake_signal_wake_up(p);
+ } else {
+ if (with_mm_only) {
+ ret = 0;
+ } else {
+ set_freeze_flag(p);
+ wake_up_state(p, TASK_INTERRUPTIBLE);
+ }
+ }
+ }
+ }
+ task_unlock(p);
+ return ret;
+}
```

Index: linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/power/process.c

```
=====
--- linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/kernel/power/process.c
+++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/power/process.c
@@ -29,121 +29,10 @@ static inline int freezeable(struct task
    (p->exit_state != 0))
```

```

    return 0;
    return 1;
}

-/*
- * freezing is complete, mark current process as frozen
- */
-static inline void frozen_process(void)
-{
- if (!unlikely(current->flags & PF_NOFREEZE)) {
- current->flags |= PF_FROZEN;
- wmb();
- }
- clear_freeze_flag(current);
-}
-
-/* Refrigerator is place where frozen processes are stored :-). */
-void refrigerator(void)
-{
- /* Hmm, should we be allowed to suspend when there are realtime
- processes around? */
- long save;
-
- task_lock(current);
- if (freezing(current)) {
- frozen_process();
- task_unlock(current);
- } else {
- task_unlock(current);
- return;
- }
- save = current->state;
- pr_debug("%s entered refrigerator\n", current->comm);
-
- spin_lock_irq(&current->sighand->siglock);
- recalc_sigpending(); /* We sent fake signal, clean it up */
- spin_unlock_irq(&current->sighand->siglock);
-
- for (;;) {
- set_current_state(TASK_UNINTERRUPTIBLE);
- if (!frozen(current))
- break;
- schedule();
- }
- pr_debug("%s left refrigerator\n", current->comm);
- __set_current_state(save);
-}
-

```

```

-static void fake_signal_wake_up(struct task_struct *p)
-{
- unsigned long flags;
-
- spin_lock_irqsave(&p->sigband->siglock, flags);
- signal_wake_up(p, 0);
- spin_unlock_irqrestore(&p->sigband->siglock, flags);
-}
-
-static int has_mm(struct task_struct *p)
-{
- return (p->mm && !(p->flags & PF_BORROWED_MM));
-}
-
-/**
- * freeze_task - send a freeze request to given task
- * @p: task to send the request to
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-{
- int ret = 1;
-
- task_lock(p);
- if (freezing(p)) {
- if (has_mm(p)) {
- if (!signal_pending(p))
- fake_signal_wake_up(p);
- } else {
- if (with_mm_only)
- ret = 0;
- else
- wake_up_state(p, TASK_INTERRUPTIBLE);
- }
- } else {
- rmb();

```

```

- if (frozen(p)) {
- ret = 0;
- } else {
- if (has_mm(p)) {
- set_freeze_flag(p);
- fake_signal_wake_up(p);
- } else {
- if (with_mm_only) {
- ret = 0;
- } else {
- set_freeze_flag(p);
- wake_up_state(p, TASK_INTERRUPTIBLE);
- }
- }
- }
- }
- }
- task_unlock(p);
- return ret;
-}

```

```

static void cancel_freezing(struct task_struct *p)
{
    unsigned long flags;

```

```

@@ -274,7 +163,5 @@ void thaw_processes(void)
    thaw_tasks(FREEZER_KERNEL_THREADS);
    thaw_tasks(FREEZER_USER_SPACE);
    schedule();
    printk("done.\n");
}

```

```

-EXPORT_SYMBOL(refrigerator);

```

```

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```

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Subject: [RFC PATCH 3/4] Container Freezer: Implement freezer cgroup subsystem
Posted by [Matt Helsley](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 21:03:19 GMT
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This patch implements a new freezer subsystem for Paul Menage's control groups framework. It provides a way to stop and resume execution of all tasks in a cgroup by writing in the cgroup filesystem.

This is the basic mechanism which should do the right thing for user space tasks in a simple scenario. This will require more work to get the freezing right (cf. `try_to_freeze_tasks()`) for ptraced tasks.

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```
include/linux/cgroup_freezer.h | 57 ++++++++
include/linux/cgroup_subsys.h | 6
init/Kconfig | 7 +
kernel/Makefile | 1
kernel/cgroup_freezer.c | 280 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
kernel/freezer.c | 1
6 files changed, 352 insertions(+)
```

Index: linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/cgroup_freezer.h

```
=====
--- /dev/null
+++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/cgroup_freezer.h
@@ -0,0 +1,57 @@
+#ifndef _LINUX_CGROUP_FREEZER_H
+#define _LINUX_CGROUP_FREEZER_H
+/*
+ * cgroup_freezer.h - control group freezer subsystem interface
+ *
+ * Copyright IBM Corp. 2007
+ *
+ * Author : Cedric Le Goater <clg@fr.ibm.com>
+ */
+
+#include <linux/cgroup.h>
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_FREEZER
+
+enum freezer_state {
+ STATE_RUNNING = 0,
+ STATE_FREEZING,
+ STATE_FROZEN,
+};
+
+struct freezer {
+ struct cgroup_subsys_state css;
+ enum freezer_state state;

```

```

+ spinlock_t lock;
+};
+
+static inline struct freezer *cgroup_freezer(
+ struct cgroup *cgroup)
+{
+ return container_of(
+ cgroup_subsys_state(cgroup, freezer_subsys_id),
+ struct freezer, css);
+}
+
+static inline int cgroup_frozen(struct task_struct *task)
+{
+ struct cgroup *cgroup = task_cgroup(task, freezer_subsys_id);
+ struct freezer *freezer = cgroup_freezer(cgroup);
+ enum freezer_state state;
+
+ spin_lock(&freezer->lock);
+ state = freezer->state;
+ spin_unlock(&freezer->lock);
+
+ return (state == STATE_FROZEN);
+}
+
+ #else /* !CONFIG_CGROUP_FREEZER */
+
+static inline int cgroup_frozen(struct task_struct *task)
+{
+ return 0;
+}
+
+ #endif /* !CONFIG_CGROUP_FREEZER */
+
+ #endif /* _LINUX_CGROUP_FREEZER_H */
Index: linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/cgroup_subsys.h
=====
--- linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/include/linux/cgroup_subsys.h
+++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/cgroup_subsys.h
@@ -46,5 +46,11 @@ SUBSYS(mem_cgroup)
 #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_DEVICE
 SUBSYS(devices)
 #endif

 /* */
+
+ #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_FREEZER
+SUBSYS(freezer)
+ #endif

```

```
+
+/* */
Index: linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/init/Kconfig
=====
--- linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/init/Kconfig
+++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/init/Kconfig
@@ -321,10 +321,17 @@ config GROUP_SCHED
    default y
    help
    This feature lets CPU scheduler recognize task groups and control CPU
    bandwidth allocation to such task groups.
```

```
+config CGROUP_FREEZER
+    bool "control group freezer subsystem"
+    depends on CGROUPS
+    help
+    Provides a way to freeze and unfreeze all tasks in a
+    cgroup
+
+config FAIR_GROUP_SCHED
+    bool "Group scheduling for SCHED_OTHER"
+    depends on GROUP_SCHED
+    default y
```

```
Index: linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/Makefile
=====
--- linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/kernel/Makefile
+++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/Makefile
@@ -38,10 +38,11 @@ obj-$(CONFIG_BSD_PROCESS_ACCT) += acct.o
obj-$(CONFIG_KEXEC) += kexec.o
obj-$(CONFIG_BACKTRACE_SELF_TEST) += backtracetest.o
obj-$(CONFIG_COMPAT) += compat.o
obj-$(CONFIG_CGROUPS) += cgroup.o
obj-$(CONFIG_CGROUP_DEBUG) += cgroup_debug.o
+obj-$(CONFIG_CGROUP_FREEZER) += cgroup_freezer.o
obj-$(CONFIG_CPUSETS) += cpuset.o
obj-$(CONFIG_CGROUP_NS) += ns_cgroup.o
obj-$(CONFIG_UTS_NS) += utsname.o
obj-$(CONFIG_USER_NS) += user_namespace.o
obj-$(CONFIG_PID_NS) += pid_namespace.o
Index: linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/cgroup_freezer.c
=====
--- /dev/null
+++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/cgroup_freezer.c
@@ -0,0 +1,280 @@
+/*
+ * cgroup_freezer.c - control group freezer subsystem
+ */
```

```

+ * Copyright IBM Corp. 2007
+ *
+ * Author : Cedric Le Goater <clg@fr.ibm.com>
+ */
+
+#include <linux/module.h>
+#include <linux/cgroup.h>
+#include <linux/fs.h>
+#include <linux/uaccess.h>
+#include <linux/freezer.h>
+#include <linux/cgroup_freezer.h>
+
+static const char *freezer_state_strs[] = {
+ "RUNNING\n",
+ "FREEZING\n" ,
+ "FROZEN\n"
+};
+
+
+struct cgroup_subsys freezer_subsys;
+
+
+static struct cgroup_subsys_state *freezer_create(
+ struct cgroup_subsys *ss, struct cgroup *cgroup)
+{
+ struct freezer *freezer;
+
+ if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+ return ERR_PTR(-EPERM);
+
+ freezer = kzalloc(sizeof(struct freezer), GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (!freezer)
+ return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
+
+ spin_lock_init(&freezer->lock);
+ freezer->state = STATE_RUNNING;
+ return &freezer->css;
+}
+
+static void freezer_destroy(struct cgroup_subsys *ss,
+ struct cgroup *cgroup)
+{
+ kfree(cgroup_freezer(cgroup));
+}
+
+
+static int freezer_can_attach(struct cgroup_subsys *ss,
+ struct cgroup *new_cgroup,

```

```

+     struct task_struct *task)
+{
+ struct freezer *freezer = cgroup_freezer(new_cgroup);
+ int retval = 0;
+
+ if (freezer->state == STATE_FROZEN)
+  retval = -EBUSY;
+
+ return retval;
+}
+
+static void freezer_fork(struct cgroup_subsys *ss, struct task_struct *task)
+{
+ struct cgroup *cgroup = task_cgroup(task, freezer_subsys_id);
+ struct freezer *freezer = cgroup_freezer(cgroup);
+
+ spin_lock_irq(&freezer->lock);
+ if (freezer->state == STATE_FREEZING)
+  freeze_task(task, 1);
+ spin_unlock_irq(&freezer->lock);
+}
+
+static int freezer_check_if_frozen(struct cgroup *cgroup)
+{
+ struct cgroup_iter it;
+ struct task_struct *task;
+ unsigned int nfrozen = 0;
+
+ cgroup_iter_start(cgroup, &it);
+
+ while ((task = cgroup_iter_next(cgroup, &it)) {
+  if (frozen(task))
+   nfrozen++;
+ }
+ cgroup_iter_end(cgroup, &it);
+
+ return (nfrozen == cgroup_task_count(cgroup));
+}
+
+static ssize_t freezer_read(struct cgroup *cgroup,
+ struct cftype *cft,
+ struct file *file, char __user *buf,
+ size_t nbytes, loff_t *ppos)
+{
+ struct freezer *freezer = cgroup_freezer(cgroup);
+ enum freezer_state state;
+
+ spin_lock_irq(&freezer->lock);

```

```

+ if (freezer->state == STATE_FREEZING)
+ if (freezer_check_if_frozen(cgroup))
+ freezer->state = STATE_FROZEN;
+
+ state = freezer->state;
+ spin_unlock_irq(&freezer->lock);
+
+ return simple_read_from_buffer(buf, nbytes, ppos,
+     freezer_state_strs[state],
+     strlen(freezer_state_strs[state]) + 1);
+}
+
+static int freezer_kill(struct cgroup *cgroup, int signum)
+{
+ struct cgroup_iter it;
+ struct task_struct *task;
+ int retval = 0;
+
+ cgroup_iter_start(cgroup, &it);
+ while ((task = cgroup_iter_next(cgroup, &it)) {
+     retval = send_sig(signum, task, 1);
+     if (retval)
+         break;
+ }
+
+ cgroup_iter_end(cgroup, &it);
+ return retval;
+}
+
+static int freezer_freeze_tasks(struct cgroup *cgroup)
+{
+ struct cgroup_iter it;
+ struct task_struct *task;
+ unsigned int todo = 0;
+
+ cgroup_iter_start(cgroup, &it);
+ while ((task = cgroup_iter_next(cgroup, &it)) {
+     if (!freeze_task(task, 1))
+         continue;
+
+     if (!freezer_should_skip(task))
+         todo++;
+ }
+
+ cgroup_iter_end(cgroup, &it);
+ return todo ? -EBUSY : 0;
+}
+

```

```

+static int freezer_unfreeze_tasks(struct cgroup *cgroup)
+{
+ struct cgroup_iter it;
+ struct task_struct *task;
+
+ cgroup_iter_start(cgroup, &it);
+ while ((task = cgroup_iter_next(cgroup, &it)))
+ thaw_process(task);
+
+ cgroup_iter_end(cgroup, &it);
+ return 0;
+}
+
+static int freezer_freeze(struct cgroup *cgroup, int freeze)
+{
+ struct freezer *freezer = cgroup_freezer(cgroup);
+ int retval = 0;
+
+ spin_lock_irq(&freezer->lock);
+ switch (freezer->state) {
+ case STATE_RUNNING:
+ if (freeze) {
+ freezer->state = STATE_FREEZING;
+ retval = freezer_freeze_tasks(cgroup);
+ }
+ break;
+
+ case STATE_FREEZING:
+ case STATE_FROZEN:
+ if (!freeze) {
+ freezer->state = STATE_RUNNING;
+ retval = freezer_unfreeze_tasks(cgroup);
+ }
+ break;
+ }
+ spin_unlock_irq(&freezer->lock);
+
+ return retval;
+}
+
+enum cgroup_filetype {
+ FILE_FREEZE,
+ FILE_KILL,
+};
+
+static ssize_t freezer_write(struct cgroup *cgroup,
+ struct cftype *cft,
+ struct file *file,

```

```

+     const char __user *userbuf,
+     size_t nbytes, loff_t *unused_ppos)
+{
+ enum cgroup_filetype type = cft->private;
+ char *buffer;
+ int retval = 0;
+ int value;
+
+ if (nbytes >= PATH_MAX)
+ return -E2BIG;
+
+ /* +1 for nul-terminator */
+ buffer = kmalloc(nbytes + 1, GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (buffer == NULL)
+ return -ENOMEM;
+
+ if (copy_from_user(buffer, userbuf, nbytes)) {
+ retval = -EFAULT;
+ goto free_buffer;
+ }
+ buffer[nbytes] = 0; /* nul-terminate */
+
+ cgroup_lock();
+
+ if (cgroup_is_removed(cgroup)) {
+ retval = -ENODEV;
+ goto unlock;
+ }
+
+ if (sscanf(buffer, "%d", &value) != 1) {
+ retval = -EIO;
+ goto unlock;
+ }
+
+ switch (type) {
+ case FILE_FREEZE:
+ retval = freezer_freeze(cgroup, value);
+ break;
+
+ case FILE_KILL:
+ retval = freezer_kill(cgroup, value);
+ break;
+ default:
+ retval = -EINVAL;
+ }
+
+ if (retval == 0)
+ retval = nbytes;

```



```

+unlock:
+ cgroup_unlock();
+free_buffer:
+ kfree(buffer);
+ return retval;
+}
+
+static struct cftype files[] = {
+ {
+ .name = "freeze",
+ .read = freezer_read,
+ .write = freezer_write,
+ .private = FILE_FREEZE,
+ },
+ {
+ .name = "kill",
+ .write = freezer_write,
+ .private = FILE_KILL,
+ },
+};
+
+static int freezer_populate(struct cgroup_subsys *ss, struct cgroup *cgroup)
+{
+ return cgroup_add_files(cgroup, ss, files, ARRAY_SIZE(files));
+}
+
+struct cgroup_subsys freezer_subsys = {
+ .name = "freezer",
+ .create = freezer_create,
+ .destroy = freezer_destroy,
+ .populate = freezer_populate,
+ .subsys_id = freezer_subsys_id,
+ .can_attach = freezer_can_attach,
+ .attach = NULL,
+ .fork = freezer_fork,
+ .exit = NULL,
+};
Index: linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/freezer.c
=====
--- linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1.orig/kernel/freezer.c
+++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/freezer.c
@@ -120,5 +120,6 @@ int freeze_task(struct task_struct *p, i
 }
 }
 task_unlock(p);
 return ret;
 }
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(freeze_task);

```

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Subject: Re: [RFC PATCH 0/4] Container Freezer: Reuse Suspend Freezer
Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 23:49:24 GMT
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On Thu, Apr 3, 2008 at 2:03 PM, <matthlrc@us.ibm.com> wrote:

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

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How about if I added support for stateless subsystems, that could potentially be mounted in multiple hierarchies at once? They wouldn't need an entry in the css set, since they have no state.

```
> * 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
```

Could we separate this out into two files? One called "freeze" that's a 0/1 for whether we're intending to freeze the subsystem, and one called "frozen" that indicates whether it is frozen? And maybe a "state" file to report the RUNNING/FREEZING/FROZEN distinction in a human-readable way?

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> multiple hierarchies.
>
> How about if I added support for stateless subsystems, that could
> potentially be mounted in multiple hierarchies at once? They wouldn't
> need an entry in the css set, since they have no state.

This seems reasonable to me. A quick look at Cedric's patches suggests there's no need for such cgroup subsystems to be tied together -- the signalling is all done internally to the freeze_task(), refrigerator(), and thaw_process() functions from what I recall.

```

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>>
>> to get status of the freezer subsystem :
>>
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>> 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
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> called "frozen" that indicates whether it is frozen? And maybe a
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> human-readable way?

```

3 files seems like overkill. I think making them human-readable is good and can be done with two files: "state" (read-only) and "state-next" (read/write). Transitions between RUNNING and FROZEN are obvious when state-next != state. I think the advantages are it's pretty human-readable, you don't need separate strings and files for the transitions, it's clear what's about to happen (IMHO), and it only requires 2 files. Some examples:

To initiate freezing:

```

# cat /containers/freezer/0/freezer.state
RUNNING
# echo "FROZEN" > /containers/freezer/0/freezer.state-next
# cat /containers/freezer/0/freezer.state
RUNNING
# cat /containers/freezer/0/freezer.state-next
FROZEN
# sleep N
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Posted by [serue](#) on Fri, 04 Apr 2008 14:11:06 GMT
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probably fine, just wanted to point that out.

-serge

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Posted by [Oren Laadan](#) on Fri, 04 Apr 2008 15:56:43 GMT
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Subject: Re: [RFC PATCH 0/4] Container Freezer: Reuse Suspend Freezer
Posted by [Pavel Machek](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2008 11:49:22 GMT
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Hi!

> NOTE: Due to problems with my MTA configuration two earlier attempts reached linux-pm
> but not linux-kernel. Please cc linux-pm@lists.linux-foundation.org on replies.
>
> This patchset is a prototype using the container infrastructure and
> the swsusp freezer to freeze a group of tasks. I've merely taken Cedric's
> patches, forward-ported them to 2.6.25-rc8-mm1 and done a small amount of
> testing.

Okay, freezer probably does what you want, but be warned that Linus is not exactly in love with freezer. You probably can get away with using it for user processes, but maybe you should drop him the line saying you want to expand freezer usage and see what happens.

Pavel

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Subject: Re: [RFC PATCH 1/4] Container Freezer: Add TIF_FREEZE flag to all architectures
Posted by [Pavel Machek](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2008 11:49:30 GMT

On Thu 2008-04-03 14:03:17, matthlrc@us.ibm.com wrote:

> This patch is the first step in making the refrigerator() available
> to all architectures, even for those without power management.
>
> The purpose of such a change is to be able to use the refrigerator()
> in a new control group subsystem which will implement a control group
> freezer.
>
> Signed-off-by: Cedric Le Goater <clg@fr.ibm.com>
> Signed-off-by: Matt Helsley <matthlrc@us.ibm.com>
> Tested-by: Matt Helsley <matthlrc@us.ibm.com>
> Cc: linux-pm@lists.linux-foundation.org

ACK.

Pavel

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Subject: Re: [RFC PATCH 3/4] Container Freezer: Implement freezer cgroup subsystem

Posted by [Pavel Machek](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2008 11:49:47 GMT

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Hi!

> This patch implements a new freezer subsystem for Paul Menage's
> control groups framework. It provides a way to stop and resume
> execution of all tasks in a cgroup by writing in the cgroup
> filesystem.

>
> This is the basic mechanism which should do the right thing for
> user space tasks in a simple scenario. This will require more work
> to get the freezing right (cf. try_to_freeze_tasks()) for ptraced
> tasks.

> --- /dev/null
> +++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/include/linux/cgroup_freezer.h
> @@ -0,0 +1,57 @@
> +#ifndef _LINUX_CGROUP_FREEZER_H
> +#define _LINUX_CGROUP_FREEZER_H

```
> +/*
> + * cgroup_freezer.h - control group freezer subsystem interface
> + *
> + * Copyright IBM Corp. 2007
> + *
> + * Author : Cedric Le Goater <clg@fr.ibm.com>
> + */
```

If you have copyright, add GPL.

```
> --- /dev/null
> +++ linux-2.6.25-rc8-mm1/kernel/cgroup_freezer.c
> @@ -0,0 +1,280 @@
> +/*
> + * cgroup_freezer.c - control group freezer subsystem
> + *
> + * Copyright IBM Corp. 2007
> + *
> + * Author : Cedric Le Goater <clg@fr.ibm.com>
> + */
```

Same here.

```
>+static struct cgroup_subsys_state *freezer_create(
>+    struct cgroup_subsys *ss, struct cgroup *cgroup)
>+{
```

Function headers are somehow non-traditional.

```
+    struct freezer *freezer;
+
+    if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+        return ERR_PTR(-EPERM);
+
+    freezer = kzalloc(sizeof(struct freezer), GFP_KERNEL);
+    if (!freezer)
+        return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
+
+    spin_lock_init(&freezer->lock);
+    freezer->state = STATE_RUNNING;
+    return &freezer->css;
+}
```

One space too many after "return" :-).

Hmm, returning pointer inside struct freezer is rather ugly, right?
Could you just pass struct freezer around?

Pavel

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