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Subject: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)

Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 06:13:41 GMT

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Hi.

I updated my swapcgroup patch.

Major changes from previous version(\*1):

- Rebased on 2.6.26-rc2-mm1 + KAMEZAWA-san's performance improvement patchset v4.
- Implemented as a add-on to memory cgroup.  
So, there is no need to add a new member to page\_cgroup now.
- (NEW)Modified vm\_swap\_full() to calculate the rate of swap usage per cgroup.

Patches:

- [1/4] add cgroup files
- [2/4] add member to swap\_info\_struct for cgroup
- [3/4] implement charge/uncharge
- [4/4] modify vm\_swap\_full for cgroup

ToDo:

- handle force\_empty.
- make it possible for users to select if they use this feature or not, and avoid overhead for users not using this feature.
- move charges along with task move between cgroups.

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Thanks,  
Daisuke Nishimura.

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Subject: [PATCH 1/4] swapcgroup: add cgroup files

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This patch add cgroup files(and a member to struct mem\_cgroup) for swapcgroup.

The files to be added are:

- memory.swap\_usage\_in\_bytes
- memory.swap\_max\_usage\_in\_bytes
- memory.swap\_limit\_in\_bytes
- memory.swap\_failcnt

The meaning of those files are the same as memory cgroup.

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```
---
init/Kconfig | 7 +++++
mm/memcontrol.c | 67 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
2 files changed, 74 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
```

```
diff --git a/init/Kconfig b/init/Kconfig
index 6135d07..aabb83 100644
--- a/init/Kconfig
+++ b/init/Kconfig
@@ -407,6 +407,13 @@ config CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR
    This config option also selects MM_OWNER config option, which
    could in turn add some fork/exit overhead.
```

```
+config CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+ bool "Swap Resource Controller for Control Groups"
+ depends on CGROUP_MEM_RES_CTLR && SWAP
+ help
+   Provides a swap resource controller that manages and limits swap usage.
+   Implemented as a add-on to Memory Resource Controller.
+
+ config SYSFS_DEPRECATED
+   bool
```

```
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index a96577f..a837215 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -141,6 +141,12 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
    * statistics.
    */
    struct mem_cgroup_stat stat;
+ #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+ /*
+  * the counter to account for swap usage
+  */
+ struct res_counter swap_res;
```

```

+ #endif
+};
+static struct mem_cgroup init_mem_cgroup;

@@ -960,6 +966,39 @@ static int mem_control_stat_show(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype *cft,
+ return 0;
+}

+ #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+static u64 swap_cgroup_read(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype *cft)
+{
+ return res_counter_read_u64(&mem_cgroup_from_cont(cont)->swap_res,
+ cft->private);
+}
+
+static ssize_t swap_cgroup_write(struct cgroup *cont, struct cftype *cft,
+ struct file *file, const char __user *userbuf,
+ size_t nbytes, loff_t *ppos)
+{
+ return res_counter_write(&mem_cgroup_from_cont(cont)->swap_res,
+ cft->private, userbuf, nbytes, ppos,
+ mem_cgroup_write_strategy);
+}
+
+static int swap_cgroup_reset(struct cgroup *cont, unsigned int event)
+{
+ struct mem_cgroup *mem;
+
+ mem = mem_cgroup_from_cont(cont);
+ switch (event) {
+ case RES_MAX_USAGE:
+ res_counter_reset_max(&mem->swap_res);
+ break;
+ case RES_FAILCNT:
+ res_counter_reset_failcnt(&mem->swap_res);
+ break;
+ }
+ return 0;
+}
+ #endif
+
+static struct cftype mem_cgroup_files[] = {
+ {
+ .name = "usage_in_bytes",
@@ -992,6 +1031,31 @@ static struct cftype mem_cgroup_files[] = {
+ .name = "stat",
+ .read_map = mem_control_stat_show,
+ },

```

```

+ #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+ {
+ .name = "swap_usage_in_bytes",
+ .private = RES_USAGE,
+ .read_u64 = swap_cgroup_read,
+ },
+ {
+ .name = "swap_max_usage_in_bytes",
+ .private = RES_MAX_USAGE,
+ .trigger = swap_cgroup_reset,
+ .read_u64 = swap_cgroup_read,
+ },
+ {
+ .name = "swap_limit_in_bytes",
+ .private = RES_LIMIT,
+ .write = swap_cgroup_write,
+ .read_u64 = swap_cgroup_read,
+ },
+ {
+ .name = "swap_failcnt",
+ .private = RES_FAILCNT,
+ .trigger = swap_cgroup_reset,
+ .read_u64 = swap_cgroup_read,
+ },
+ #endif
};

static int alloc_mem_cgroup_per_zone_info(struct mem_cgroup *mem, int node)
@@ -1069,6 +1133,9 @@ mem_cgroup_create(struct cgroup_subsys *ss, struct cgroup *cont)
}

res_counter_init(&mem->res);
+ #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+ res_counter_init(&mem->swap_res);
+ #endif

for_each_node_state(node, N_POSSIBLE)
if (alloc_mem_cgroup_per_zone_info(mem, node))

```

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Subject: [PATCH 2/4] swapcgroup: add member to swap\_info\_struct for cgroup

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This patch add a member to swap\_info\_struct for cgroup.

This member, array of pointers to mem\_cgroup, is used to remember to which cgroup each swap entries are charged.

The memory for this array of pointers is allocated on swapon, and freed on swapoff.

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```
include/linux/swap.h | 3 +++
mm/swapfile.c        | 32 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
2 files changed, 35 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/swap.h b/include/linux/swap.h
```

```
index de40f16..67de27b 100644
```

```
--- a/include/linux/swap.h
```

```
+++ b/include/linux/swap.h
```

```
@@ -141,6 +141,9 @@ struct swap_info_struct {
```

```
    struct swap_extent *curr_swap_extent;
```

```
    unsigned old_block_size;
```

```
    unsigned short * swap_map;
```

```
+#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
```

```
+ struct mem_cgroup **memcg;
```

```
+#endif
```

```
    unsigned int lowest_bit;
```

```
    unsigned int highest_bit;
```

```
    unsigned int cluster_next;
```

```
diff --git a/mm/swapfile.c b/mm/swapfile.c
```

```
index d3caf3a..232bf20 100644
```

```
--- a/mm/swapfile.c
```

```
+++ b/mm/swapfile.c
```

```
@@ -1207,6 +1207,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapoff(const char __user * specialfile)
{
```

```
    struct swap_info_struct * p = NULL;
```

```
    unsigned short *swap_map;
```

```
+#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
```

```
+ struct mem_cgroup **memcg;
```

```
+#endif
```

```
    struct file *swap_file, *victim;
```

```
    struct address_space *mapping;
```

```
    struct inode *inode;
```

```
@@ -1309,10 +1312,17 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapoff(const char __user * specialfile)
```

```
    p->max = 0;
```

```

    swap_map = p->swap_map;
    p->swap_map = NULL;
#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+ memcg = p->memcg;
+ p->memcg = NULL;
#endif
    p->flags = 0;
    spin_unlock(&swap_lock);
    mutex_unlock(&swapon_mutex);
    vfree(swap_map);
#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+ vfree(memcg);
#endif
    inode = mapping->host;
    if (S_ISBLK(inode->i_mode)) {
        struct block_device *bdev = I_BDEV(inode);
@@ -1456,6 +1466,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapon(const char __user * specialfile, int
swap_flags)
    unsigned long maxpages = 1;
    int swapfilesize;
    unsigned short *swap_map;
#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+ struct mem_cgroup **memcg;
#endif
    struct page *page = NULL;
    struct inode *inode = NULL;
    int did_down = 0;
@@ -1479,6 +1492,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapon(const char __user * specialfile, int
swap_flags)
    p->swap_file = NULL;
    p->old_block_size = 0;
    p->swap_map = NULL;
#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+ p->memcg = NULL;
#endif
    p->lowest_bit = 0;
    p->highest_bit = 0;
    p->cluster_nr = 0;
@@ -1651,6 +1667,15 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapon(const char __user * specialfile, int
swap_flags)
    1 /* header page */;
    if (error)
        goto bad_swap;
+
#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+ p->memcg = vmalloc(maxpages * sizeof(struct mem_cgroup *));
+ if (!p->memcg) {
+     error = -ENOMEM;

```

```

+ goto bad_swap;
+ }
+ memset(p->memcg, 0, maxpages * sizeof(struct mem_cgroup *));
+ #endif
+ }

    if (nr_good_pages) {
@@ -1710,11 +1735,18 @@ bad_swap_2:
    swap_map = p->swap_map;
    p->swap_file = NULL;
    p->swap_map = NULL;
+ #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+ memcg = p->memcg;
+ p->memcg = NULL;
+ #endif
    p->flags = 0;
    if (!(swap_flags & SWAP_FLAG_PREFER))
        ++least_priority;
    spin_unlock(&swap_lock);
    vfree(swap_map);
+ #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+ vfree(memcg);
+ #endif
    if (swap_file)
        filp_close(swap_file, NULL);
out:

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Subject: [PATCH 3/4] swapcgroup: implement charge/uncharge  
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This patch implements charge and uncharge of swapcgroup.

- what will be charged ?  
charge the number of swap entries in bytes.
- when to charge/uncharge ?  
charge at get\_swap\_entry(), and uncharge at swap\_entry\_free().
- to what group charge the swap entry ?  
To determine to what mem\_cgroup the swap entry should be charged,

I changed the argument of get\_swap\_entry() from (void) to (struct page \*). As a result, get\_swap\_entry() can determine to what mem\_cgroup it should charge the swap entry by referring to page->page\_cgroup->mem\_cgroup.

- from what group uncharge the swap entry ?

I added to swap\_info\_struct a member 'struct swap\_cgroup \*\*', array of pointer to which swap\_cgroup the swap entry is charged.

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```
---
include/linux/memcontrol.h | 21 ++++++
include/linux/swap.h       |  4 +-
mm/memcontrol.c            | 47 ++++++
mm/shmem.c                 |  2 +-
mm/swap_state.c           |  2 +-
mm/swapfile.c              | 14 ++++++
6 files changed, 85 insertions(+), 5 deletions(-)
```

diff --git a/include/linux/memcontrol.h b/include/linux/memcontrol.h

index fdf3967..a7e6621 100644

--- a/include/linux/memcontrol.h

+++ b/include/linux/memcontrol.h

@@ -24,6 +24,7 @@ struct mem\_cgroup;

struct page\_cgroup;

struct page;

struct mm\_struct;

+struct swap\_info\_struct;

#ifdef CONFIG\_CGROUP\_MEM\_RES\_CTLR

@@ -172,5 +173,25 @@ static inline long mem\_cgroup\_calc\_reclaim\_inactive(struct mem\_cgroup \*mem,

}

#endif /\* CONFIG\_CGROUP\_MEM\_CONT \*/

+#ifdef CONFIG\_CGROUP\_SWAP\_RES\_CTLR

+extern int swap\_cgroup\_charge(struct page \*page,

+ struct swap\_info\_struct \*si,

+ unsigned long offset);

+extern void swap\_cgroup\_uncharge(struct swap\_info\_struct \*si,

+ unsigned long offset);

+#else /\* CONFIG\_CGROUP\_SWAP\_RES\_CTLR \*/

+static inline int swap\_cgroup\_charge(struct page \*page,

+ struct swap\_info\_struct \*si,



```

+ unsigned long offset)
+{
+ return 0;
+}
+
+static inline void swap_cgroup_uncharge(struct swap_info_struct *si,
+ unsigned long offset)
+{
+}
+
+#endif /* CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR */
+
+#endif /* _LINUX_MEMCONTROL_H */

diff --git a/include/linux/swap.h b/include/linux/swap.h
index 67de27b..18887f0 100644
--- a/include/linux/swap.h
+++ b/include/linux/swap.h
@@ -241,7 +241,7 @@ extern struct page *swpin_readahead(swp_entry_t, gfp_t,
/* linux/mm/swapfile.c */
extern long total_swap_pages;
extern void si_swapinfo(struct sysinfo *);
-extern swp_entry_t get_swap_page(void);
+extern swp_entry_t get_swap_page(struct page *);
extern swp_entry_t get_swap_page_of_type(int);
extern int swap_duplicate(swp_entry_t);
extern int valid_swaphandles(swp_entry_t, unsigned long *);
@@ -342,7 +342,7 @@ static inline int remove_exclusive_swap_page(struct page *p)
return 0;
}

-static inline swp_entry_t get_swap_page(void)
+static inline swp_entry_t get_swap_page(struct page *page)
{
    swp_entry_t entry;
    entry.val = 0;
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index a837215..84e803d 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -1220,3 +1220,50 @@ struct cgroup_subsys mem_cgroup_subsys = {
    .attach = mem_cgroup_move_task,
    .early_init = 0,
};
+
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+int swap_cgroup_charge(struct page *page,
+ struct swap_info_struct *si,
+ unsigned long offset)

```

```

+{
+ int ret;
+ struct page_cgroup *pc;
+ struct mem_cgroup *mem;
+
+ lock_page_cgroup(page);
+ pc = page_get_page_cgroup(page);
+ if (unlikely(!pc))
+ mem = &init_mem_cgroup;
+ else
+ mem = pc->mem_cgroup;
+ unlock_page_cgroup(page);
+
+ css_get(&mem->css);
+ ret = res_counter_charge(&mem->swap_res, PAGE_SIZE);
+ if (!ret)
+ si->memcg[offset] = mem;
+ else
+ css_put(&mem->css);
+
+ return ret;
+}
+
+void swap_cgroup_uncharge(struct swap_info_struct *si,
+ unsigned long offset)
+{
+ struct mem_cgroup *mem = si->memcg[offset];
+
+ /* "mem" would be NULL:
+  * 1. when get_swap_page() failed at charging swap_cgroup,
+  *    and called swap_entry_free().
+  * 2. when this swap entry had been assigned by
+  *    get_swap_page_of_type() (via SWSUSP?).
+  */
+ if (mem) {
+ res_counter_uncharge(&mem->swap_res, PAGE_SIZE);
+ si->memcg[offset] = NULL;
+ css_put(&mem->css);
+ }
+}
+
+
+diff --git a/mm/shmem.c b/mm/shmem.c
+index 95b056d..69f8909 100644
+--- a/mm/shmem.c
++++ b/mm/shmem.c
+@@ -1029,7 +1029,7 @@ static int shmem_writepage(struct page *page, struct
+ writeback_control *wbc)

```

```

* want to check if there's a redundant swappage to be discarded.
*/
if (wbc->for_reclaim)
- swap = get_swap_page();
+ swap = get_swap_page(page);
else
    swap.val = 0;

diff --git a/mm/swap_state.c b/mm/swap_state.c
index 676e191..a78d617 100644
--- a/mm/swap_state.c
+++ b/mm/swap_state.c
@@ -130,7 +130,7 @@ int add_to_swap(struct page * page, gfp_t gfp_mask)
    BUG_ON(!PageUptodate(page));

    for (;;) {
-    entry = get_swap_page();
+    entry = get_swap_page(page);
        if (!entry.val)
            return 0;

diff --git a/mm/swapfile.c b/mm/swapfile.c
index 232bf20..682b71e 100644
--- a/mm/swapfile.c
+++ b/mm/swapfile.c
@@ -172,7 +172,10 @@ no_page:
    return 0;
}

-swp_entry_t get_swap_page(void)
+/* get_swap_page() calls this */
+static int swap_entry_free(struct swap_info_struct *, unsigned long);
+
+swp_entry_t get_swap_page(struct page *page)
{
    struct swap_info_struct *si;
    pgoff_t offset;
@@ -201,6 +204,14 @@ swp_entry_t get_swap_page(void)
    swap_list.next = next;
    offset = scan_swap_map(si);
    if (offset) {
+    /*
+     * This should be the first use of this swap entry.
+     * So, charge this swap entry here.
+     */
+    if (swap_cgroup_charge(page, si, offset)) {
+        swap_entry_free(si, offset);
+        goto noswap;
    }
}

```

```

+ }
  spin_unlock(&swap_lock);
  return swp_entry(type, offset);
}
@@ -285,6 +296,7 @@ static int swap_entry_free(struct swap_info_struct *p, unsigned long
offset)
  swap_list.next = p - swap_info;
  nr_swap_pages++;
  p->inuse_pages--;
+ swap_cgroup_uncharge(p, offset);
}
}
return count;

```

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Subject: [PATCH 4/4] swapcgroup: modify vm\_swap\_full for cgroup  
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This patch modifies vm\_swap\_full() to calculate  
the rate of swap usage per cgroup.

The purpose of this change is to free freeable swap caches  
(that is, swap entries) per cgroup, so that swap\_cgroup\_charge()  
fails less frequently.

I think I can free freeable swap caches more aggressively  
with one of Rik's splitlru patchset:

[patch 04/14] free swap space on swap-in/activation

but, I should verify whether this change to vm\_swap\_full()  
is valid.

Signed-off-by: Daisuke Nishimura <nishimura@mxp.nes.nec.co.jp>

```

---
include/linux/memcontrol.h | 3 +++
include/linux/swap.h       | 6 +++++-
mm/memcontrol.c            | 10 ++++++++
mm/memory.c                | 2 +-

```

mm/swapfile.c | 35 ++++++-----  
5 files changed, 53 insertions(+), 3 deletions(-)

```
diff --git a/include/linux/memcontrol.h b/include/linux/memcontrol.h
index a7e6621..256b298 100644
--- a/include/linux/memcontrol.h
+++ b/include/linux/memcontrol.h
@@ -179,6 +179,9 @@ extern int swap_cgroup_charge(struct page *page,
    unsigned long offset);
extern void swap_cgroup_uncharge(struct swap_info_struct *si,
    unsigned long offset);
+extern int swap_cgroup_vm_swap_full(struct page *page);
+extern u64 swap_cgroup_read_usage(struct mem_cgroup *mem);
+extern u64 swap_cgroup_read_limit(struct mem_cgroup *mem);
#else /* CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR */
static inline int swap_cgroup_charge(struct page *page,
    struct swap_info_struct *si,
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/swap.h b/include/linux/swap.h
index 18887f0..ef156c9 100644
--- a/include/linux/swap.h
+++ b/include/linux/swap.h
@@ -159,8 +159,12 @@ struct swap_list_t {
    int next; /* swapfile to be used next */
};
```

```
+#ifndef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
/* Swap 50% full? Release swapcache more aggressively.. */
-#define vm_swap_full() (nr_swap_pages*2 < total_swap_pages)
+#define vm_swap_full(page) (nr_swap_pages*2 < total_swap_pages)
+#else
+#define vm_swap_full(page) swap_cgroup_vm_swap_full(page)
+#endif
```

```
/* linux/mm/page_alloc.c */
extern unsigned long totalram_pages;
diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index 84e803d..58d72ca 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -1265,5 +1265,15 @@ void swap_cgroup_uncharge(struct swap_info_struct *si,
    css_put(&mem->css);
}
+
+u64 swap_cgroup_read_usage(struct mem_cgroup *mem)
+{
+ return res_counter_read_u64(&mem->swap_res, RES_USAGE);
+}
```

```

+
+u64 swap_cgroup_read_limit(struct mem_cgroup *mem)
+{
+ return res_counter_read_u64(&mem->swap_res, RES_LIMIT);
+}
#endif

diff --git a/mm/memory.c b/mm/memory.c
index df8f0e9..be2ff96 100644
--- a/mm/memory.c
+++ b/mm/memory.c
@@ -2175,7 +2175,7 @@ static int do_swap_page(struct mm_struct *mm, struct vm_area_struct
*vma,
    page_add_anon_rmap(page, vma, address);

    swap_free(entry);
- if (vm_swap_full())
+ if (vm_swap_full(page))
    remove_exclusive_swap_page(page);
    unlock_page(page);

diff --git a/mm/swapfile.c b/mm/swapfile.c
index 682b71e..9256c2d 100644
--- a/mm/swapfile.c
+++ b/mm/swapfile.c
@@ -429,7 +429,7 @@ void free_swap_and_cache(swp_entry_t entry)
    /* Only cache user (+us), or swap space full? Free it! */
    /* Also recheck PageSwapCache after page is locked (above) */
    if (PageSwapCache(page) && !PageWriteback(page) &&
-   (one_user || vm_swap_full())) {
+   (one_user || vm_swap_full(page))) {
        delete_from_swap_cache(page);
        SetPageDirty(page);
    }
@@ -1892,3 +1892,36 @@ int valid_swaphandles(swp_entry_t entry, unsigned long *offset)
    *offset = ++toff;
    return nr_pages? ++nr_pages: 0;
}

+
+#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
+int swap_cgroup_vm_swap_full(struct page *page)
+{
+ int ret;
+ struct swap_info_struct *p;
+ struct mem_cgroup *mem;
+ u64 usage;
+ u64 limit;
+ swp_entry_t entry;

```

```

+
+ VM_BUG_ON(!PageLocked(page));
+ VM_BUG_ON(!PageSwapCache(page));
+
+ ret = 0;
+ entry.val = page_private(page);
+ p = swap_info_get(entry);
+ if (!p)
+ goto out;
+
+ mem = p->memcg[swp_offset(entry)];
+ usage = swap_cgroup_read_usage(mem) / PAGE_SIZE;
+ limit = swap_cgroup_read_limit(mem) / PAGE_SIZE;
+ limit = (limit < total_swap_pages) ? limit : total_swap_pages;
+
+ ret = usage * 2 > limit;
+
+ spin_unlock(&swap_lock);
+
+out:
+ return ret;
+}
+#endif

```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/4] swapcgroup: modify vm\_swap\_full for cgroup

Posted by [yamamoto](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 06:45:07 GMT

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```

> @@ -1892,3 +1892,36 @@ int valid_swaphandles(swp_entry_t entry, unsigned long *offset)
> *offset = ++toff;
> return nr_pages? ++nr_pages: 0;
> }
> +
> + #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> + int swap_cgroup_vm_swap_full(struct page *page)
> + {
> + int ret;
> + struct swap_info_struct *p;
> + struct mem_cgroup *mem;
> + u64 usage;
> + u64 limit;

```

```

> + swp_entry_t entry;
> +
> + VM_BUG_ON(!PageLocked(page));
> + VM_BUG_ON(!PageSwapCache(page));
> +
> + ret = 0;
> + entry.val = page_private(page);
> + p = swap_info_get(entry);
> + if (!p)
> + goto out;
> +
> + mem = p->memcg[swp_offset(entry)];
> + usage = swap_cgroup_read_usage(mem) / PAGE_SIZE;
> + limit = swap_cgroup_read_limit(mem) / PAGE_SIZE;
> + limit = (limit < total_swap_pages) ? limit : total_swap_pages;
> +
> + ret = usage * 2 > limit;
> +
> + spin_unlock(&swap_lock);
> +
> +out:
> + return ret;
> +}
> +#endif

```

shouldn't it check the global usage (nr\_swap\_pages) as well?

YAMAMOTO Takashi

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/4] swapcgroup: add member to swap\_info\_struct for cgroup  
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 07:23:12 GMT  
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On Thu, 22 May 2008 15:18:51 +0900  
Daisuke Nishimura <nishimura@mxp.nes.nec.co.jp> wrote:

```

> This patch add a member to swap_info_struct for cgroup.
>
> This member, array of pointers to mem_cgroup, is used to
> remember to which cgroup each swap entries are charged.
>
> The memory for this array of pointers is allocated on swapon,
> and freed on swapoff.

```



```

>
Hi, in general, #ifdefs in the middle of functions are not good style.
I'd like to comment some hints.

>
> Signed-off-by: Daisuke Nishimura <nishimura@mxp.nes.nec.co.jp>
>
> ---
> include/linux/swap.h | 3 +++
> mm/swapfile.c        | 32 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
> 2 files changed, 35 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
>
> diff --git a/include/linux/swap.h b/include/linux/swap.h
> index de40f16..67de27b 100644
> --- a/include/linux/swap.h
> +++ b/include/linux/swap.h
> @@ -141,6 +141,9 @@ struct swap_info_struct {
>  struct swap_extent *curr_swap_extent;
>  unsigned old_block_size;
>  unsigned short * swap_map;
> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> + struct mem_cgroup **memcg;
> +#endif
>  unsigned int lowest_bit;
>  unsigned int highest_bit;
>  unsigned int cluster_next;
> diff --git a/mm/swapfile.c b/mm/swapfile.c
> index d3caf3a..232bf20 100644
> --- a/mm/swapfile.c
> +++ b/mm/swapfile.c
> @@ -1207,6 +1207,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapoff(const char __user * specialfile)
>  {
>  struct swap_info_struct * p = NULL;
>  unsigned short *swap_map;
> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> + struct mem_cgroup **memcg;
> +#endif
Remove #ifdef.

struct mem_cgroup **memcg = NULL;

>  struct file *swap_file, *victim;
>  struct address_space *mapping;
>  struct inode *inode;
> @@ -1309,10 +1312,17 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapoff(const char __user * specialfile)
>  p->max = 0;
>  swap_map = p->swap_map;
>  p->swap_map = NULL;

```

```

> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> + memcg = p->memcg;
> + p->memcg = NULL;
> +#endif

```

```

==
#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTR
void swap_cgroup_init_memcg(p, memcg)
{
    do something.
}
#else
void swap_cgroup_init_memcg(p, memcg)
{
}
#endif
==

```

```

> p->flags = 0;
> spin_unlock(&swap_lock);
> mutex_unlock(&swapon_mutex);
> vfree(swap_map);
> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> + vfree(memcg);
> +#endif
if (memcg)
    vfree(memcg);

```

```

> inode = mapping->host;
> if (S_ISBLK(inode->i_mode)) {
>     struct block_device *bdev = I_BDEV(inode);
> @@ -1456,6 +1466,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapon(const char __user * specialfile, int
swap_flags)
>     unsigned long maxpages = 1;
>     int swapfilesize;
>     unsigned short *swap_map;
> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> + struct mem_cgroup **memcg;
> +#endif
Remove #ifdefs

```

```

> struct page *page = NULL;
> struct inode *inode = NULL;
> int did_down = 0;
> @@ -1479,6 +1492,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapon(const char __user * specialfile, int
swap_flags)

```

```

> p->swap_file = NULL;
> p->old_block_size = 0;
> p->swap_map = NULL;
> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> + p->memcg = NULL;
> +#endif

```

```

void init_swap_ctlr_memcg(p);

```

```

> p->lowest_bit = 0;
> p->highest_bit = 0;
> p->cluster_nr = 0;
> @@ -1651,6 +1667,15 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapon(const char __user * specialfile, int
swap_flags)
>     1 /* header page */;
>     if (error)
>         goto bad_swap;
> +
> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> + p->memcg = vmalloc(maxpages * sizeof(struct mem_cgroup *));
> + if (!p->memcg) {
> +     error = -ENOMEM;
> +     goto bad_swap;
> + }
> + memset(p->memcg, 0, maxpages * sizeof(struct mem_cgroup *));
> +#endif
void alloc_swap_ctlr_memcg(p)

```

But this implies swapon will fail at memory shortage. Is it good ?

```

> }
>
> if (nr_good_pages) {
> @@ -1710,11 +1735,18 @@ bad_swap_2:
>     swap_map = p->swap_map;
>     p->swap_file = NULL;
>     p->swap_map = NULL;
> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> + memcg = p->memcg;
> + p->memcg = NULL;
> +#endif
>     p->flags = 0;
>     if (!(swap_flags & SWAP_FLAG_PREFER))
>         ++least_priority;
>     spin_unlock(&swap_lock);
>     vfree(swap_map);
> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> + vfree(memcg);

```

```
> +#endif
> if (swap_file)
>     filp_close(swap_file, NULL);
> out:
>
>
```

Thanks,  
-Kame

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 3/4] swapcgroup: implement charge/uncharge  
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 07:35:25 GMT  
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On Thu, 22 May 2008 15:20:05 +0900  
Daisuke Nishimura <nishimura@mxp.nes.nec.co.jp> wrote:

```
> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> +int swap_cgroup_charge(struct page *page,
> + struct swap_info_struct *si,
> + unsigned long offset)
> +{
> + int ret;
> + struct page_cgroup *pc;
> + struct mem_cgroup *mem;
> +
> + lock_page_cgroup(page);
> + pc = page_get_page_cgroup(page);
> + if (unlikely(!pc))
> +     mem = &init_mem_cgroup;
> + else
> +     mem = pc->mem_cgroup;
> + unlock_page_cgroup(page);
```

If !pc, the page is used before memory controller is available. But is it good to be charged to init\_mem\_cgroup() ?  
How about returning 'failure' in this case ? I think returning 'failure' here is not so bad.

```
> +
> + css_get(&mem->css);
```

move this css\_get() before unlock\_page\_cgroup() is safer.

```
> + ret = res_counter_charge(&mem->swap_res, PAGE_SIZE);
> + if (!ret)
> +   si->memcg[offset] = mem;
> + else
> +   css_put(&mem->css);
> +
> + return ret;
> +}
> +
> +void swap_cgroup_uncharge(struct swap_info_struct *si,
> +   unsigned long offset)
> +{
> + struct mem_cgroup *mem = si->memcg[offset];
> +
> + /* "mem" would be NULL:
> +  * 1. when get_swap_page() failed at charging swap_cgroup,
> +  *    and called swap_entry_free().
> +  * 2. when this swap entry had been assigned by
> +  *    get_swap_page_of_type() (via SWSUSP?).
> +  */
> + if (mem) {
> +   res_counter_uncharge(&mem->swap_res, PAGE_SIZE);
> +   si->memcg[offset] = NULL;
> +   css_put(&mem->css);
> + }
> +}
> +#endif
> +
> diff --git a/mm/shmem.c b/mm/shmem.c
> index 95b056d..69f8909 100644
> --- a/mm/shmem.c
> +++ b/mm/shmem.c
> @@ -1029,7 +1029,7 @@ static int shmem_writepage(struct page *page, struct
writeback_control *wbc)
>  * want to check if there's a redundant swappage to be discarded.
>  */
>  if (wbc->for_reclaim)
> - swap = get_swap_page();
> + swap = get_swap_page(page);
>  else
>   swap.val = 0;
>
> diff --git a/mm/swap_state.c b/mm/swap_state.c
> index 676e191..a78d617 100644
> --- a/mm/swap_state.c
```

```

> +++ b/mm/swap_state.c
> @@ -130,7 +130,7 @@ int add_to_swap(struct page * page, gfp_t gfp_mask)
>   BUG_ON(!PageUptodate(page));
>
>   for (;;) {
> -   entry = get_swap_page();
> +   entry = get_swap_page(page);
>   if (!entry.val)
>       return 0;
>
> diff --git a/mm/swapfile.c b/mm/swapfile.c
> index 232bf20..682b71e 100644
> --- a/mm/swapfile.c
> +++ b/mm/swapfile.c
> @@ -172,7 +172,10 @@ no_page:
>   return 0;
> }
>
> -swp_entry_t get_swap_page(void)
> +/* get_swap_page() calls this */
> +static int swap_entry_free(struct swap_info_struct *, unsigned long);
> +
> +swp_entry_t get_swap_page(struct page *page)
> {
>   struct swap_info_struct *si;
>   pgoff_t offset;
> @@ -201,6 +204,14 @@ swp_entry_t get_swap_page(void)
>   swap_list.next = next;
>   offset = scan_swap_map(si);
>   if (offset) {
> +   /*
> +    * This should be the first use of this swap entry.
> +    * So, charge this swap entry here.
> +    */
> +   if (swap_cgroup_charge(page, si, offset)) {
> +       swap_entry_free(si, offset);
> +       goto noswap;
> +   }
>   spin_unlock(&swap_lock);
>   return swp_entry(type, offset);
> }
> @@ -285,6 +296,7 @@ static int swap_entry_free(struct swap_info_struct *p, unsigned long
offset)
>   swap_list.next = p - swap_info;
>   nr_swap_pages++;
>   p->inuse_pages--;
> +   swap_cgroup_uncharge(p, offset);
> }

```

```
> }
> return count;
>
>
> --
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> the body to majordomo@kvack.org. For more info on Linux MM,
> see: http://www.linux-mm.org/ .
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/4] swapcgroup: modify vm\_swap\_full for cgroup  
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 07:36:09 GMT  
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On Thu, 22 May 2008 15:22:24 +0900  
Daisuke Nishimura <nishimura@mxp.nes.nec.co.jp> wrote:

```
> + mem = p->memcg[swp_offset(entry)];
> + usage = swap_cgroup_read_usage(mem) / PAGE_SIZE;
> + limit = swap_cgroup_read_limit(mem) / PAGE_SIZE;
> + limit = (limit < total_swap_pages) ? limit : total_swap_pages;
```

mem can be NULL here.

Thanks,  
-Kame

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 07:44:21 GMT  
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On Thu, 22 May 2008 15:13:41 +0900  
Daisuke Nishimura <nishimura@mxp.nes.nec.co.jp> wrote:

> Hi.  
>  
> I updated my swapcgroup patch.  
>  
seems good in general.

> Major changes from previous version(\*1):  
> - Rebased on 2.6.26-rc2-mm1 + KAMEZAWA-san's performance  
> improvement patchset v4.  
> - Implemented as a add-on to memory cgroup.  
> So, there is no need to add a new member to page\_cgroup now.  
> - (NEW)Modified vm\_swap\_full() to calculate the rate of  
> swap usage per cgroup.  
>  
> Patches:  
> - [1/4] add cgroup files  
> - [2/4] add member to swap\_info\_struct for cgroup  
> - [3/4] implement charge/uncharge  
> - [4/4] modify vm\_swap\_full for cgroup  
>  
> ToDo:  
> - handle force\_empty.

Without this, we can do rmdir() against cgroup with swap. right ?

> - make it possible for users to select if they use  
> this feature or not, and avoid overhead for users  
> not using this feature.  
> - move charges along with task move between cgroups.  
>

I think memory-controller's anon pages should also do this....  
But how do you think about shared entries ?

Thanks,  
-Kame

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/4] swapcgroup: modify vm\_swap\_full for cgroup

Posted by [KOSAKI Motohiro](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 08:00:14 GMT

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Hi,

```
> +#ifndef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> /* Swap 50% full? Release swapcache more aggressively.. */
> -#define vm_swap_full() (nr_swap_pages*2 < total_swap_pages)
> +#define vm_swap_full(page) (nr_swap_pages*2 < total_swap_pages)
> +#else
> +#define vm_swap_full(page) swap_cgroup_vm_swap_full(page)
> +#endif
```

I'd prefer `#ifdef` rather than `#ifndef`.

so...

```
#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
    your definition
#else
    original definition
#endif
```

and `vm_swap_full()` isn't page granularity operation.  
this is memory(or swap) cgroup operation.

this argument is slightly odd.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/4] swapcgroup: add member to swap\_info\_struct for cgroup

Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 08:46:54 GMT

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Hi.

On 2008/05/22 16:23 +0900, KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki wrote:

> On Thu, 22 May 2008 15:18:51 +0900

> Daisuke Nishimura <nishimura@mxp.nes.nec.co.jp> wrote:

>

>> This patch add a member to swap\_info\_struct for cgroup.

>>

>> This member, array of pointers to mem\_cgroup, is used to  
>> remember to which cgroup each swap entries are charged.

>>

>> The memory for this array of pointers is allocated on swapon,  
>> and freed on swapoff.

>>

> Hi, in general, #ifdefs in the middle of functions are not good style.

> I'd like to comment some hints.

>

I completely agree that it's not good style.

>> Signed-off-by: Daisuke Nishimura <nishimura@mxp.nes.nec.co.jp>

>>

>> ---

>> include/linux/swap.h | 3 +++

>> mm/swapfile.c | 32 ++++++

>> 2 files changed, 35 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)

>>

>> diff --git a/include/linux/swap.h b/include/linux/swap.h

>> index de40f16..67de27b 100644

>> --- a/include/linux/swap.h

>> +++ b/include/linux/swap.h

>> @@ -141,6 +141,9 @@ struct swap\_info\_struct {

>> struct swap\_extent \*curr\_swap\_extent;

>> unsigned old\_block\_size;

>> unsigned short \* swap\_map;

>> + #ifdef CONFIG\_CGROUP\_SWAP\_RES\_CTLR

>> + struct mem\_cgroup \*\*memcg;

>> + #endif

>> unsigned int lowest\_bit;

>> unsigned int highest\_bit;

>> unsigned int cluster\_next;

>> diff --git a/mm/swapfile.c b/mm/swapfile.c

>> index d3caf3a..232bf20 100644

>> --- a/mm/swapfile.c

>> +++ b/mm/swapfile.c

>> @@ -1207,6 +1207,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys\_swapoff(const char \_\_user \* specialfile)

>> {

>> struct swap\_info\_struct \* p = NULL;

>> unsigned short \*swap\_map;

>> + #ifdef CONFIG\_CGROUP\_SWAP\_RES\_CTLR

>> + struct mem\_cgroup \*\*memcg;

```
>> +#endif
> Remove #ifdef.
>
> struct mem_cgroup **memcg = NULL;
>
good idea.
I'll do it.
```

```
>> struct file *swap_file, *victim;
>> struct address_space *mapping;
>> struct inode *inode;
>> @@ -1309,10 +1312,17 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapoff(const char __user * specialfile)
>> p->max = 0;
>> swap_map = p->swap_map;
>> p->swap_map = NULL;
>> +#ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
>> + memcg = p->memcg;
>> + p->memcg = NULL;
>> +#endif
>
>
> ==
> #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTR
> void swap_cgroup_init_memcg(p, memcg)
> {
>     do something.
> }
> #else
> void swap_cgroup_init_memcg(p, memcg)
> {
> }
> #endif
> ==
>
```

I think swap\_cgroup\_init\_memcg should return old value of p->memcg, and I would like to name it swap\_cgroup\_clear\_memcg, because it is called by sys\_swapoff, so "clear" rather than "init" would be better.

How about something like this?

```
struct mem_cgroup **swap_cgroup_clear_memcg(p, memcg)
{
    struct mem_cgroup **mem;

    mem = p->memcg;
    p->memcg = NULL;
```

```
    return mem;
}
```

and at sys\_swapoff():

```
struct mem_cgroup **memcg;
:
memcg = swap_cgroup_clear_memcg(p, memcg);
:
if (memcg)
    vfree(memcg);
```

```
>> p->flags = 0;
>> spin_unlock(&swap_lock);
>> mutex_unlock(&swapon_mutex);
>> vfree(swap_map);
>> +ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
>> + vfree(memcg);
>> +endif
> if (memcg)
>     vfree(memcg);
>
>
will do.
```

```
>> inode = mapping->host;
>> if (S_ISBLK(inode->i_mode)) {
>>     struct block_device *bdev = I_BDEV(inode);
>> @@ -1456,6 +1466,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapon(const char __user * specialfile, int
swap_flags)
>>     unsigned long maxpages = 1;
>>     int swapfilesize;
>>     unsigned short *swap_map;
>> +ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
>> + struct mem_cgroup **memcg;
>> +endif
> Remove #ifdefs
>
will do.
```

```
>> struct page *page = NULL;
>> struct inode *inode = NULL;
>> int did_down = 0;
>> @@ -1479,6 +1492,9 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapon(const char __user * specialfile, int
swap_flags)
>> p->swap_file = NULL;
>> p->old_block_size = 0;
>> p->swap_map = NULL;
```

```
>> + #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
>> + p->memcg = NULL;
>> + #endif
>
> void init_swap_ctlr_memcg(p);
>
I would like to call this one swap_cgroup_init_memcg.
```

```
>> p->lowest_bit = 0;
>> p->highest_bit = 0;
>> p->cluster_nr = 0;
>> @@ -1651,6 +1667,15 @@ asmlinkage long sys_swapon(const char __user * specialfile, int
swap_flags)
>>     1 /* header page */;
>>     if (error)
>>         goto bad_swap;
>> +
>> + #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
>> + p->memcg = vmalloc(maxpages * sizeof(struct mem_cgroup *));
>> + if (!p->memcg) {
>> +     error = -ENOMEM;
>> +     goto bad_swap;
>> + }
>> + memset(p->memcg, 0, maxpages * sizeof(struct mem_cgroup *));
>> + #endif
> void alloc_swap_ctlr_memcg(p)
>
OK.
I'll implement swap_cgroup_alloc_memcg.
```

> But this implies swapon will fail at memory shortage. Is it good ?

>

Hum.

Would it be better to just disabling this feature?

```
>> }
>>
>> if (nr_good_pages) {
>> @@ -1710,11 +1735,18 @@ bad_swap_2:
>>     swap_map = p->swap_map;
>>     p->swap_file = NULL;
>>     p->swap_map = NULL;
>> + #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
>> + memcg = p->memcg;
>> + p->memcg = NULL;
>> + #endif
>>     p->flags = 0;
>>     if (!(swap_flags & SWAP_FLAG_PREFER))
```

```
>> ++least_priority;
>> spin_unlock(&swap_lock);
>> vfree(swap_map);
>> + #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
>> + vfree(memcg);
>> + #endif
>> if (swap_file)
>>   filp_close(swap_file, NULL);
>> out:
>>
I'll handle these 2 #ifdefs as sys_swapoff.
```

```
>>
>
> Thanks,
> -Kame
>
```

Thank you for your advice!

Daisuke Nishimura.

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> >   do something.
> > }
> > #else
> > void swap_cgroup_init_memcg(p, memcg)
> > {
> > }
> > #endif
> > ==
> >
```

```

> I think swap_cgroup_init_memcg should return old value
> of p->memcg, and I would like to name it swap_cgroup_clear_memcg,
> because it is called by sys_swapoff, so "clear" rather than "init"
> would be better.
>
> How about something like this?
>
> struct mem_cgroup **swap_cgroup_clear_memcg(p, memcg)
> {
>     struct mem_cgroup **mem;
>
>     mem = p->memcg;
>     p->memcg = NULL;
>
>     return mem;
> }
>
> and at sys_swapoff():
>
> struct mem_cgroup **memcg;
> :
> memcg = swap_cgroup_clear_memcg(p, memcg);
> :
> if (memcg)
>     vfree(memcg);
>
seems good.

```

```

> >> #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
> >> + p->memcg = vmalloc(maxpages * sizeof(struct mem_cgroup *));
> >> + if (!p->memcg) {
> >> +     error = -ENOMEM;
> >> +     goto bad_swap;
> >> + }
> >> + memset(p->memcg, 0, maxpages * sizeof(struct mem_cgroup *));
> >> #endif
> > void alloc_swap_ctlr_memcg(p)
> >
> OK.
> I'll implement swap_cgroup_alloc_memcg.
>
> > But this implies swapon will fail at memory shortage. Is it good ?
> >
> Hum.
> Would it be better to just disabling this feature?
>
I have no good idea. IMHO, adding printk() to show 'fatal status of

```

not-enough-memory-for-vmalloc' will be first step.

I believe vmalloc() tend not to fail on 64bit machine, but on i386, vmalloc area is not enough.

Thanks,  
-Kame

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/4] swapcgroup: modify vm\_swap\_full for cgroup  
Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 12:22:05 GMT  
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Hi,

On 2008/05/22 17:00 +0900, KOSAKI Motohiro wrote:

```
> Hi,  
>  
>> +#ifndef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR  
>> /* Swap 50% full? Release swapcache more aggressively.. */  
>> -#define vm_swap_full() (nr_swap_pages*2 < total_swap_pages)  
>> +#define vm_swap_full(page) (nr_swap_pages*2 < total_swap_pages)  
>> +#else  
>> +#define vm_swap_full(page) swap_cgroup_vm_swap_full(page)  
>> +#endif  
>  
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```



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Thanks,  
Daisuke Nishimura.

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Posted by [KOSAKI Motohiro](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 12:32:36 GMT  
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```

perhaps, I don't understand your intention exactly.  
Why can't you make wrapper function?

e.g.

```
vm_swap_full(page_to_memcg(page))
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/4] swapcgroup: modify vm\_swap\_full for cgroup

Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 12:34:50 GMT

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Hi,

On 2008/05/22 15:45 +0900, YAMAMOTO Takashi wrote:

```
>> @@ -1892,3 +1892,36 @@ int valid_swaphandles(swp_entry_t entry, unsigned long *offset)
>> *offset = ++toff;
>> return nr_pages? ++nr_pages: 0;
>> }
>> +
>> + #ifdef CONFIG_CGROUP_SWAP_RES_CTLR
>> + int swap_cgroup_vm_swap_full(struct page *page)
>> + {
>> + int ret;
>> + struct swap_info_struct *p;
>> + struct mem_cgroup *mem;
>> + u64 usage;
>> + u64 limit;
>> + swp_entry_t entry;
>> +
>> + VM_BUG_ON(!PageLocked(page));
>> + VM_BUG_ON(!PageSwapCache(page));
>> +
>> + ret = 0;
>> + entry.val = page_private(page);
>> + p = swap_info_get(entry);
>> + if (!p)
>> + goto out;
>> +
>> + mem = p->memcg[swp_offset(entry)];
>> + usage = swap_cgroup_read_usage(mem) / PAGE_SIZE;
```

```

>> + limit = swap_cgroup_read_limit(mem) / PAGE_SIZE;
>> + limit = (limit < total_swap_pages) ? limit : total_swap_pages;
>> +
>> + ret = usage * 2 > limit;
>> +
>> + spin_unlock(&swap_lock);
>> +
>> +out:
>> + return ret;
>> +}
>> +#endif
>
> shouldn't it check the global usage (nr_swap_pages) as well?
>
> YAMAMOTO Takashi
>

```

I didn't check global usage because I didn't want some group to be influenced by other groups.

But in above code, there would be some cases that vm\_swap\_full() returns false even when more than half of swap is used in global.

Thanks you for pointing it out.

How about something like this?

```

:
usage = swap_cgroup_read_usage(mem); //no need to align to number of page
limit = swap_cgroup_read_limit(mem); //no need to align to number of page
ret = (usage * 2 > limit) || (nr_swap_pages * 2 < total_swap_pages)
:

```

Thanks,  
Daisuke Nishimura.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 21:27:54 GMT  
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Daisuke Nishimura wrote:

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 02:10:29 GMT  
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On 2008/05/22 16:44 +0900, KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki wrote:  
> On Thu, 22 May 2008 15:13:41 +0900  
> Daisuke Nishimura <nishimura@mxp.nes.nec.co.jp> wrote:  
>

>> Hi.  
>>  
>> I updated my swapcgroup patch.  
>>  
> seems good in general.  
>  
>  
Thanks :-)

>> ToDo:  
>> - handle force\_empty.  
>  
> Without this, we can do rmdir() against cgroup with swap. right ?  
>  
You are right.

There are some cases that cgroup dir cannot be removed because there remains some swap usage even when no tasks remain in the dir. In such cases, the only way to remove the dir is currently to do swapoff.

So, I think this is the most important todo.

>> - make it possible for users to select if they use  
>> this feature or not, and avoid overhead for users  
>> not using this feature.  
>> - move charges along with task move between cgroups.  
>>  
> I think memory-controller's anon pages should also do this....

> But how do you think about shared entries ?  
>  
Yes.

This is a big problem. I don't have any practical idea yet, but at least I think it should be avoided for some shared entry to be charged to different groups.

Thanks,  
Daisuke Nishimura.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [Rik van Riel](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 02:26:55 GMT  
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On Thu, 22 May 2008 15:13:41 +0900  
Daisuke Nishimura <nishimura@mxp.nes.nec.co.jp> wrote:

> I updated my swapcgroup patch.

I do not understand why this is useful.

With the other cgroup resource controllers, once a process group reaches its limit, it is limited or punished in some way. For example, when it goes over its RSS limit, memory is taken away.

However, once a cgroup reaches its swap limit, it is rewarded, by allowing more of its pages to stay resident in RAM, instead of having them swapped out.

This, in turn, will cause the VM to evict pages from other, better behaving groups. In short, the cgroup that has "misbehaved" by reaching its limit causes other cgroups to get punished.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 02:42:50 GMT

(sorry, I sent the previous mail before completing it)

On 2008/05/23 11:10 +0900, Daisuke Nishimura wrote:

> On 2008/05/22 16:44 +0900, KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki wrote:

(snip)

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>>> this feature or not, and avoid overhead for users

>>> not using this feature.

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>

I want it too.

Not only it's usefull for users IMHO,  
but also need it to charge a swap to the group which the task  
belongs to at the point of swapout.

Thanks,  
Daisuke Nishimura.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 03:08:44 GMT  
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On Thu, 22 May 2008 22:26:55 -0400  
Rik van Riel <riel@redhat.com> wrote:

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I don't think so but I know there are tons of people....

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When a cgroup has memory limitation, it can create tons of swap.  
For example, limit a cgroup's memory to be 128M and malloc 3G bytes.  
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [Rik van Riel](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 03:32:07 GMT  
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On Fri, 23 May 2008 12:10:27 +0900  
KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki <kamezawa.hiroyu@jp.fujitsu.com> wrote:  
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The kernel controls what is swapped out. The userland processes in the cgroup can do nothing to reduce their swap usage.

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OK, I see the use case.

In the above example, it would be possible for cgroup A to have only 800MB of anonymous memory total, in addition to 400MB of page cache. The page cache could push the anonymous memory into swap, indirectly penalizing how much memory cgroup B can use.

Of course, it could be argued that the system should just be run with enough swap space, but that is another story :)

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KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki wrote:

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We used to have a control on the swap cache pages as well, but their implementation needed more thought

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 04:27:23 GMT  
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Hi.

On 2008/05/23 6:27 +0900, Balbir Singh wrote:

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Not yet, but I think we should have some consensus each other  
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Thanks,  
Daisuke Nishimura.

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Have you seen any real world example of this? The overcommit feature of Linux.  
We usually by default limit the overcommit to 1.5 times total memory (IIRC).  
Yes, one can override that value, you get the same flexibility with the virtual  
address space controller.

I thought java was particular about it with its heap management options and policy.

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It's useful in many cases to limit the virtual address space - to allow  
applications to deal with memory failure, rather than

1. OOM the application later
2. Allow uncontrolled swapping (swap controller would help here)

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Warm Regards,  
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Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 05:19:37 GMT  
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On Fri, 23 May 2008 10:21:04 +0530  
Balbir Singh <balbir@linux.vnet.ibm.com> wrote:

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> Have you seen any real world example of this?  
I have no objection to that virtual-address-space limitation can work well on  
well-controlled-system. But there are more complicated systems in chaos.

One example I know was that a team for the system tried to count all vm space  
for setting vm.overcommit\_memory to be proper value. They just found they can't  
do it on a server with tens of applications after a month.

One of difficult problem is that a system administrator can't assume the total  
size of virtual address space of proprietary applications/library.  
An application designer can estimate "the virtual address usage of an application  
is between XXM to XXXXM. but admin can't estimate the total.

In above case, the most problematic user of virtual address space was pthreads.  
Default stack size of pthreads on ia64 was 10M bytes (--; And almost all application  
doesn't answer how small they can set its stack size to. It's crazy to set this value  
per applications. Then, "stack" of 2000 threads requires 20G bytes of virtual  
address space on 12G system ;) They failed to use overcommit.

Thanks,  
-Kame

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [David Singleton](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 05:29:31 GMT  
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Balbir Singh wrote:  
> KOSAKI Motohiro wrote:  
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At the sophisticated end, the use of numerous large memory maps in parallel HPC applications to gain visibility into other processes is growing. We have processes with VSZ > 400GB just because they have 4GB maps into 127 other processes. Their physical page use is of the order 2GB.

Imposing virtual address space limits on these applications is meaningless.

The overcommit feature of Linux.

> We usually by default limit the overcommit to 1.5 times total memory (IIRC).  
> Yes, one can override that value, you get the same flexibility with the virtual address space controller.  
>  
> I thought java was particular about it with its heap management options and policy.  
>  
>> yes, that behaviour is crazy. but it is used widely.  
>> thus, We shouldn't assume virtual address space limitation.  
>  
> It's useful in many cases to limit the virtual address space - to allow applications to deal with memory failure, rather than  
>  
> 1. OOM the application later  
> 2. Allow uncontrolled swapping (swap controller would help here)  
>

David

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [KOSAKI Motohiro](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 06:00:42 GMT  
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 06:45:15 GMT  
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OK, so this use case is HPC specific. I am not against the swap controller, but overcommit can lead to problems if not controlled - such as OOM kill. The virtual address space limit helps applications fail gracefully rather than swap out excessively or OOM.

I suspect there'll be applications that swing both ways.

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Warm Regards,  
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 3/4] swapcgroup: implement charge/uncharge  
Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 11:52:29 GMT  
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On 2008/05/22 16:37 +0900, KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki wrote:  
> On Thu, 22 May 2008 15:20:05 +0900  
> Daisuke Nishimura <nishimura@mxp.nes.nec.co.jp> wrote:  
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BTW, I noticed that almost all of functions I added by this patch set should check "mem\_cgroup\_subsys.disabled" first because it depend on memory cgroup.

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>> +  
>> + css_get(&mem->css);  
>  
> move this css_get() before unlock_page_cgroup() is safer.  
>  
OK, thanks.
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Daisuke Nishimura.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/4] swapcgroup: modify vm\_swap\_full for cgroup  
Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 12:26:47 GMT  
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On 2008/05/22 21:32 +0900, KOSAKI Motohiro wrote:

> perhaps, I don't understand your intention exactly.  
> Why can't you make wrapper function?  
>  
> e.g.  
> vm\_swap\_full(page\_to\_memcg(page))  
>  
OK.  
I'll try it.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 4/4] swapcgroup: modify vm\_swap\_full for cgroup  
Posted by [yamamoto](#) on Sun, 25 May 2008 23:35:32 GMT  
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> How about something like this?  
>  
> :  
> usage = swap\_cgroup\_read\_usage(mem); //no need to align to number of page  
> limit = swap\_cgroup\_read\_limit(mem); //no need to align to number of page  
> ret = (usage \* 2 > limit) || (nr\_swap\_pages \* 2 < total\_swap\_pages)  
> :

it seems reasonable to me.

YAMAMOTO Takashi

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Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Mon, 26 May 2008 00:55:43 GMT  
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)

Posted by [yamamoto](#) on Tue, 27 May 2008 07:31:18 GMT

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)

Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Tue, 27 May 2008 07:42:04 GMT

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] swapcgroup(v2)  
Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Tue, 27 May 2008 08:30:08 GMT  
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 3/4] swapcgroup: implement charge/uncharge  
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Tue, 27 May 2008 13:42:03 GMT  
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 but it's better to check page->page\_cgroup is NULL or not.

Thanks,  
 -Kame

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Hi, Daisuke-San

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> Hi, Daisuke-San  
>  
> I am not sending out any patch (sorry for the confusion, if I caused it). I am  
> going to review the swapcgroup patchset.  
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No problem :-)

I would very appreciate it if you review swap cgroup patches.

I'll update my patches based on your and others' comments.

Thanks,  
Daisuke Nishimura.

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