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Posted by [Li Zefan](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 08:01:49 GMT

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Subject: Re: [PATCH] cgroup: support checking of subsystem dependencies  
Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 21:13:58 GMT  
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On Wed, Jun 18, 2008 at 1:01 AM, Li Zefan <lizf@cn.fujitsu.com> wrote:

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Paul

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Subject: Re: [PATCH] cgroup: support checking of subsystem dependencies  
Posted by [KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki](#) on Thu, 19 Jun 2008 00:13:20 GMT  
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Thanks,  
-Kame

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Subject: Re: [PATCH] cgroup: support checking of subsystem dependencies  
Posted by [Li Zefan](#) on Thu, 19 Jun 2008 00:40:24 GMT  
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I think yes we can. I'll revise it.

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Subject: [PATCH] cgroup: support checking of subsystem dependencies (v2)  
Posted by [Li Zefan](#) on Thu, 19 Jun 2008 01:51:36 GMT  
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Changelog:

- call `check_subsys_depend()` in `parse_cgroupfs_options()`, but not in mount and remount code.

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Posted by [Daisuke Nishimura](#) on Thu, 19 Jun 2008 02:30:58 GMT  
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My current version is implemented as addon to memory controller,  
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But anyway, this feature might be used in future by some subsystems.

Thanks,  
Daisuke Nishimura.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH] cgroup: support checking of subsystem dependencies (v2)  
Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Fri, 20 Jun 2008 04:51:53 GMT  
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> Changelog:
> - call check_subsys_depend() in parse_cgroupfs_options(), but not in mount
> and remount code.
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> Signed-off-by: Li Zefan <lizf@cn.fujitsu.com>
> ---
> Documentation/cgroups.txt | 6 ++++++
> include/linux/cgroup.h | 2 ++
> kernel/cgroup.c | 21 ++++++++++++++++++++++
> 3 files changed, 28 insertions(+), 1 deletions(-)
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> diff --git a/Documentation/cgroups.txt b/Documentation/cgroups.txt
> index 824fc02..8252f5b 100644
> --- a/Documentation/cgroups.txt
> +++ b/Documentation/cgroups.txt
> @@ -530,6 +530,12 @@ and root cgroup. Currently this will only involve movement between
> the default hierarchy (which never has sub-cgroups) and a hierarchy
> that is being created/destroyed (and hence has no sub-cgroups).
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> +
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Posted by [Li Zefan](#) on Tue, 01 Jul 2008 08:43:30 GMT  
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Other callbacks return -errno on failure and 0 on success, so I make this new callback behave the same, and the errno will be returned by the mount command.

But it seems true/false is more reasonable, then if it returns false, mount can return EINVAL.

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That would be better. Once something needs this patch, we do

[patch 1/n]: cgroup: support checking of subsystem dependencies

[patch 2/n]: <use it>

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