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Posted by KOSAKI Motohiro on Sun, 22 Jun 2008 15:34:04 GMT
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Posted by Cyrill Gorcunov on Sun, 22 Jun 2008 16:02:02 GMT
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CC'd Gautham R Shenoy <ego@in.ibm.com>.

I believe that we had the locking relation between what had been
cgroup_lock (global cgroup lock which can be held over large stretches
of non-performance critical code) and callback_mutex (global cpuset
specific lock which is held over shorter stretches of more performance
critical code - though still not on really hot code paths.) One can
nest callback_mutex inside cgroup_lock, but not vice versa.

The callback_mutex guarded some CPU masks and Node masks, which might
be multi-word and hence don't change atomically. Any low level code
that needs to read these these cpuset CPU and Node masks, needs to
hold callback_mutex briefly, to keep that mask from changing while
being read.

There is even a comment in kernel/cpuset.c, explaining how an ABBA
deadlock must be avoided when calling rebuild_sched_domains():

```
/*
 * rebuild_sched_domains()
 *
 * ...
 *
 * Call with cgroup_mutex held.  May take callback_mutex during
 * call due to the kfifo_alloc() and kmalloc() calls.  May nest
 * a call to the get_online_cpus()/put_online_cpus() pair.
 * Must not be called holding callback_mutex, because we must not
 * call get_online_cpus() while holding callback_mutex.  Elsewhere
 * the kernel nests callback_mutex inside get_online_cpus() calls.
 * So the reverse nesting would risk an ABBA deadlock.
```

This went into the kernel sometime around 2.6.18.

Then in October and November of 2007, Gautham R Shenoy submitted
"Refcount Based Cpu Hotplug" (http://lkml.org/lkml/2007/11/15/239)

This added cpu_hotplug.lock, which at first glance seems to fit into
the locking hierarchy about where callback_mutex did before, such as

being invocable from rebuild_sched_domains().

However ... the kernel/cpuset.c comments were not updated to describe
the intended locking hierarchy as it relates to cpu_hotplug.lock, and
it looks as if cpu_hotplug.lock can also be taken while invoking the
hotplug callbacks, such as the one here that is handling a CPU down
event for cpusets.

Gautham ... you there?

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I won't rest till it's the best ...
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That'd be exactly the same as calling rebuild_sched_domains() outside of the
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so I'll reply to his email.

Max

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Subject: Re: v2.6.26-rc7/cgroups: circular locking dependency
Posted by Paul Menage on Thu, 26 Jun 2008 07:25:57 GMT
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In that case the obvious solution would be to nest inside
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update_sched_domains() be called inside get_online_cpus(), and call
get_online_cpus() prior to calling cgroup_lock() in any code path that
might call update_sched_domains(). That's basically:

cpuset_write_u64()
cpuset_write_s64()
cpuset_destroy()
common_cpu_hotplug_unplug()
cpuset_write_resmask()

i.e. almost all the cpuset userspace APIs. A bit ugly, but probably
not a big deal given how infrequently CPU hotplug/hotunplug occurs?

Probably simplest with a wrapper function such as:

```
static bool cpuset_lock_live_cgroup(struct cgroup *cgrp)
{
  get_online_cpus();
  if (cgroup_lock_live_cgroup())
    return true;
  put_online_cpus();
  return false;
}

static void cpuset_unlock()
{
  cgroup_unlock();
  put_online_cpus();
}
```

and use those in the relevant entry points in place of
cgroup_lock_live_group()/cgroup_unlock()

Oh, except that cpuset_destroy() is called firmly inside cgroup_mutex,
and hence can't nest the call to cgroup_lock() inside the call to
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