
Subject: Re: [PATCH v4] cgroup/freezer: add per freezer duty ratio control
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On Mon, Feb 07, 2011 at 03:30:24PM -0800, jacob.jun.pan@linux.intel.com wrote:

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>

> Freezer subsystem is used to manage batch jobs which can start
> stop at the same time. However, sometime it is desirable to let
> the kernel manage the freezer state automatically with a given
> duty ratio.

> For example, if we want to reduce the time that backgroup apps
> are allowed to run we can put them into a freezer subsystem and
> set the kernel to turn them THAWED/FROZEN at given duty ratio.

>

> This patch introduces two file nodes under cgroup
> freezer.duty_ratio_pct and freezer.period_sec

>

> Usage example: set period to be 5 seconds and frozen duty ratio 90%

> [root@localhost aoa]# echo 90 > freezer.duty_ratio_pct

> [root@localhost aoa]# echo 5000 > freezer.period_ms

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> Documentation/cgroups/freezer-subsystem.txt | 23 ++++++

> kernel/cgroup_freezer.c | 130 +++++++++++++++++++++++-----

> 2 files changed, 152 insertions(+), 1 deletions(-)

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> diff --git a/Documentation/cgroups/freezer-subsystem.txt

b/Documentation/cgroups/freezer-subsystem.txt

> index 41f37fe..7f06f05 100644

> --- a/Documentation/cgroups/freezer-subsystem.txt

> +++ b/Documentation/cgroups/freezer-subsystem.txt

> @@ -100,3 +100,26 @@ things happens:

> and returns EINVAL)

> 3) The tasks that blocked the cgroup from entering the "FROZEN"

> state disappear from the cgroup's set of tasks.

> +

> +In embedded systems, it is desirable to manage group of applications

> +for power saving. E.g. tasks that are not in the foreground may be

> +frozen unfrozen periodically to save power without affecting user

> +experience. In this case, user/management software can attach tasks

> +into freezer cgroup then specify duty ratio and period that the

> +managed tasks are allowed to run.

> +

> +Usage example:

> +Assuming freezer cgroup is already mounted, application being managed

> +are included the "tasks" file node of the given freezer cgroup.

> +To make the tasks frozen at 90% of the time every 5 seconds, do:

> +

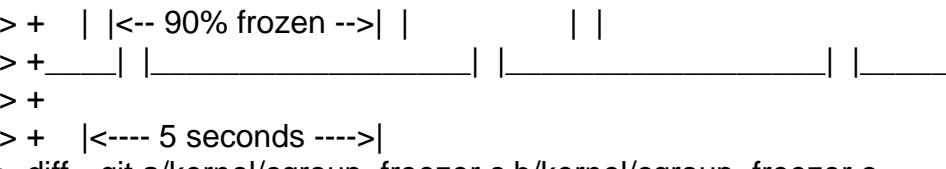
> +[root@localhost]# echo 90 > freezer.duty_ratio_pct

> +[root@localhost]# echo 5000 > freezer.period_ms

> +

> +After that, the application in this freezer cgroup will only be
 > +allowed to run at the following pattern.

> +



> + | |<-- 90% frozen -->| | | | | | | |

> + | |-----| |-----| |-----| |-----| |-----|

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> + |<---- 5 seconds ---->|

> diff --git a/kernel/cgroup_freezer.c b/kernel/cgroup_freezer.c

> index e7bebb7..b1c5d19 100644

> --- a/kernel/cgroup_freezer.c

> +++ b/kernel/cgroup_freezer.c

> @@ -21,6 +21,7 @@

> #include <linux/uaccess.h>

> #include <linux/freezer.h>

> #include <linux/seq_file.h>

> +#include <linux/kthread.h>

>

> enum freezer_state {

> CGROUP_THAWED = 0,

> @@ -28,12 +29,28 @@ enum freezer_state {

> CGROUP_FROZEN,

> };

>

> +enum duty_ratio_params {

> + FREEZER_DUTY_RATIO = 0,

> + FREEZER_PERIOD,

> +};

> +

> +struct freezer_duty {

> + u32 ratio; /* percentage of time frozen */

> + u32 period_pct_ms; /* one percent of the period in miliseconds */

> +};

> +

> struct freezer {

> struct cgroup_subsys_state css;

> enum freezer_state state;

> + struct freezer_duty duty;

> + struct task_struct *fkh;

> spinlock_t lock; /* protects _writes_ to state */

> };

>

> +static struct task_struct *freezer_task;

> +static int try_to_freeze_cgroup(struct cgroup *cgroup, struct freezer *freezer);

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> +static void unfreeze_cgroup(struct cgroup *cgroup, struct freezer *freezer);
> +
> static inline struct freezer *cgroup_freezer(
>   struct cgroup *cgroup)
> {
> @@ -63,6 +80,35 @@ int cgroup_freezing_or_frozen(struct task_struct *task)
>   return result;
> }
>
> +static DECLARE_WAIT_QUEUE_HEAD(freezer_wait);
> +
> +static int freezer_kh(void *data)
> +{
> + struct cgroup *cgroup = (struct cgroup *)data;
> + struct freezer *freezer = cgroup_freezer(cgroup);
> +
> + do {
> +   if (freezer->duty.ratio < 100 && freezer->duty.ratio >= 0 &&
> +     freezer->duty.period_pct_ms) {
> +     if (try_to_freeze_cgroup(cgroup, freezer))
> +       pr_info("cannot freeze\n");
> +     msleep(freezer->duty.period_pct_ms *
> +            freezer->duty.ratio);
> +     unfreeze_cgroup(cgroup, freezer);
> +     msleep(freezer->duty.period_pct_ms *
> +            (100 - freezer->duty.ratio));
> +   } else if (freezer->duty.ratio == 100) {
> +     if (try_to_freeze_cgroup(cgroup, freezer))
> +       pr_info("cannot freeze\n");
> +     sleep_on(&freezer_wait);
> +   } else {
> +     sleep_on(&freezer_wait);
> +     pr_debug("freezer thread wake up\n");
> +   }
> + } while (!kthread_should_stop());
> + return 0;
> +}
> +
> /*
> * cgroups_write_string() limits the size of freezer state strings to
> * CGROUP_LOCAL_BUFFER_SIZE
> @@ -150,7 +196,12 @@ static struct cgroup_subsys_state *freezer_create(struct
cgroup_subsys *ss,
> static void freezer_destroy(struct cgroup_subsys *ss,
>   struct cgroup *cgroup)
> {
> - kfree(cgroup_freezer(cgroup));
> + struct freezer *freezer;

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> +
> + freezer = cgroup_freezer(cgroup);
> + if (freezer->fh)
> +   kthread_stop(freezer->fh);
> + kfree(freezer);
> }
>
> /*
> @@ -282,6 +333,16 @@ static int freezer_read(struct cgroup *cgroup, struct cftype *cft,
>   return 0;
> }
>
> +static u64 freezer_read_duty_ratio(struct cgroup *cgroup, struct cftype *cft)
> +{
> +  return cgroup_freezer(cgroup)->duty.ratio;
> +}
> +
> +static u64 freezer_read_period(struct cgroup *cgroup, struct cftype *cft)
> +{
> +  return cgroup_freezer(cgroup)->duty.period_pct_ms * 100;
> +}
> +
> static int try_to_freeze_cgroup(struct cgroup *cgroup, struct freezer *freezer)
> {
>   struct cgroup_iter it;
> @@ -368,12 +429,79 @@ static int freezer_write(struct cgroup *cgroup,
>   return retval;
> }
>
> +#define FREEZER_KH_PREFIX "freezer_"
> +static int freezer_write_param(struct cgroup *cgroup, struct cftype *cft,
> +  u64 val)
> +{
> +  struct freezer *freezer;
> +  char thread_name[32];
> +
> +  freezer = cgroup_freezer(cgroup);
> +
> +  if (!cgroup_lock_live_group(cgroup))
> +    return -ENODEV;
> +
> +  switch (cft->private) {
> +  case FREEZER_DUTY_RATIO:
> +    if (val > 100)
> +      val = 100;
> +    else if (val <= 0)
> +      val = 0;

```

Better to return -EINVAL instead of silent correction.

```
> + freezer->duty.ratio = val;
> + break;
> + case FREEZER_PERIOD:
> + if (val)
> + do_div(val, 100);
> + freezer->duty.period_pct_ms = val;
> + break;
> + default:
> + BUG();
> +
> + /* start/stop management kthread as needed, the rule is that
> + * if both duty ratio and period values are zero, then no management
> + * kthread is created. when both are non-zero, we create a kthread
> + * for the cgroup. When user set zero to duty ratio and period again
> + * the kthread is stopped.
> + */
> + if (freezer->duty.ratio && freezer->duty.period_pct_ms) {
```

There is also no reason to create thread if ratio == 100. Just freeze the cgroup. Or better not to allow 100 as ratio.

```
> + if (!freezer->fkf) {
> + sprintf(thread_name, 32, "%s%s", FREEZER_KH_PREFIX,
> + cgroup->dentry->d_name.name);
> + freezer->fkf = kthread_run(freezer_kh, (void *)cgroup,
> + thread_name);
> + if (IS_ERR(freezer_task))
> + pr_debug("create %s failed\n", thread_name);
```

I think we have to return non-zero error code in this case.

```
> + } else
> + wake_up(&freezer_wait);
> + } else if (!freezer->duty.ratio && !freezer->duty.period_pct_ms) {
```

I think you mean ||, not && here.

```
> + kthread_stop(freezer->fkf);
> + freezer->fkf = NULL;
> +
> + cgroup_unlock();
> +
> + return 0;
> +
> +
```

```
> static struct ctype files[] = {
> {
>   .name = "state",
>   .read_seq_string = freezer_read,
>   .write_string = freezer_write,
> },
> +
> + {
> +   .name = "duty_ratio_pct",
> +   .private = FREEZER_DUTY_RATIO,
> +   .read_u64 = freezer_read_duty_ratio,
> +   .write_u64 = freezer_write_param,
> + },
> +
> + {
> +   .name = "period_ms",
> +   .private = FREEZER_PERIOD,
> +   .read_u64 = freezer_read_period,
> +   .write_u64 = freezer_write_param,
> + },
> +
> +;
>
> static int freezer_populate(struct cgroup_subsys *ss, struct cgroup *cgroup)
> --
> 1.7.0.4
>
```

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