
Subject: Re: [PATCH] cgroup: prefer [kv]zalloc over [kv]malloc+memset in memory controller code.

Posted by [Jesper Juhl](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2010 19:59:13 GMT

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On Mon, 1 Nov 2010, Johannes Weiner wrote:

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> > Signed-off-by: Jesper Juhl <jj@chaosbits.net>
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> Looks good to me, but there is also the memset after kmalloc in
> alloc_mem_cgroup_per_zone_info().

Dang, I missed that one. Thanks for pointing it out.

Hmm, I'm wondering if we should perhaps add kzalloc_node()/vzalloc_node()
just like kzalloc() and vzalloc()..

> Can you switch that over as well in
> this patch? You can pass __GFP_ZERO to kmalloc_node() for zeroing.
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Sure thing.

Signed-off-by: Jesper Juhl <jj@chaosbits.net>

memcontrol.c | 9 +++-----

1 file changed, 3 insertions(+), 6 deletions(-)

diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c

index 9a99cfa..bc32ffe 100644

--- a/mm/memcontrol.c

+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c

@@ -4169,13 +4169,11 @@ static int alloc_mem_cgroup_per_zone_info(struct mem_cgroup

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*mem, int node)
*/
if (!node_state(node, N_NORMAL_MEMORY))
    tmp = -1;
- pn = kmalloc_node(sizeof(*pn), GFP_KERNEL, tmp);
+ pn = kmalloc_node(sizeof(*pn), GFP_KERNEL|__GFP_ZERO, tmp);
if (!pn)
    return 1;

mem->info.nodeinfo[node] = pn;
- memset(pn, 0, sizeof(*pn));
-
for (zone = 0; zone < MAX_NR_ZONES; zone++) {
    mz = &pn->zoneinfo[zone];
    for_each_lru(l)
@@ -4199,14 +4197,13 @@ static struct mem_cgroup *mem_cgroup_alloc(void)

/* Can be very big if MAX_NUMNODES is very big */
if (size < PAGE_SIZE)
- mem = kmalloc(size, GFP_KERNEL);
+ mem = kzalloc(size, GFP_KERNEL);
else
- mem = vmalloc(size);
+ mem = vzalloc(size);

if (!mem)
    return NULL;

- memset(mem, 0, size);
mem->stat = alloc_percpu(struct mem_cgroup_stat_cpu);
if (!mem->stat) {
    if (size < PAGE_SIZE)

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Posted by [Johannes Weiner](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2010 20:01:22 GMT

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Thanks!

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