
Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [RFC][PATCH 5/7] UBC: kernel memory accounting (core)
Posted by [Dave Hansen](#) on Wed, 16 Aug 2006 19:59:29 GMT
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Posted by [Alan Cox](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 00:04:07 GMT
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What is important? What you want to be true, or what is true?

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Posted by [Rohit Seth](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 16:31:48 GMT

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But anon_vmas could be shared across different processes (with different mms).

-rohit

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Posted by [Rohit Seth](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 16:42:42 GMT

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I think the best would be to have a container for /usr/lib or /lib in

this case where you can account all pages belonging to files present in these directories and shared across multiple applications.

-rohit

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Posted by [Rohit Seth](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 17:16:43 GMT

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Posted by [Dave Hansen](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 17:23:21 GMT

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On Thu, 2006-08-17 at 10:16 -0700, Rohit Seth wrote:

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When you ask the question, "which container owns this page?", you don't have to look far, nor is it ambiguous in any way. It is very strict, and very straightforward.

-- Dave

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Posted by [Rohit Seth](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 17:28:20 GMT

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On Thu, 2006-08-17 at 11:19 -0400, Rik van Riel wrote:

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Bingo. Even though it has the word "overload".

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Besides, if we have the container pointer based on address_space (for
example) then it will also allow file based tracking...

I think page based container pointer makes more sense when you have
container as the central part of page lists (in place of nodes) deciding
which list the free page is going to come from, and when freed which
list it is going to go back to.

-rohit

Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [RFC][PATCH 5/7] UBC: kernel memory accounting (core)
Posted by [Andi Kleen](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 17:35:36 GMT

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On Thursday 17 August 2006 19:28, Rohit Seth wrote:

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You would need to be careful. Both the rewritten slab and the new tree network allocator use struct page fields already. There might be conflicts already.

-Andi (who still doesn't see what's so bad about a separate table)

Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [RFC][PATCH 5/7] UBC: kernel memory accounting (core)
Posted by [Dave Hansen](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 17:49:23 GMT
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On Thu, 2006-08-17 at 20:43 +0200, Andi Kleen wrote:
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Not much wrong with that, as long as we do something more like sparsemem than `mem_map[]`. ;)

-- Dave

Subject: Re: [ckrm-tech] [RFC][PATCH 5/7] UBC: kernel memory accounting (core)
Posted by [dev](#) on Fri, 18 Aug 2006 08:27:46 GMT
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Thanks,
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Rohit Seth wrote:

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Posted by [Alan Cox](#) on Fri, 18 Aug 2006 14:39:01 GMT
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Ar Gwe, 2006-08-18 am 12:52 +0400, ysgrifennodd Kirill Korotaev:
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Posted by [Rohit Seth](#) on Fri, 18 Aug 2006 17:06:16 GMT
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On Fri, 2006-08-18 at 12:29 +0400, Kirill Korotaev wrote:
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As Andi pointed out earlier that slab and network codes are going to use the mapping field (and you pointed out that some of this is allocated out of context), so seems like for kernel accounting we will need another field in page structure.

-rohit

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Posted by [Dave Hansen](#) on Fri, 18 Aug 2006 19:32:03 GMT
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This will effectively double the memory we need for sparsemem (because we only use one pointer per SECTION_SIZE bytes of memory) but, that should be just fine.

Is there ever any need to go from the accounting structure *back* to the page? I guess that might be the hard part with keeping parallel arrays, if we even need it.

The reverse lookups might introduce a bit more pain with sparsemem and discontig because, right now, we use bits in page->flags to help us go find the containing node or the correct mem_section for the page.

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I only doubt what gain we will have in this situation.
boot-time selectable vs. CONFIG-selectable?

Kirill
