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Subject: [RFC][PATCH 2/2] record cpu hint for future fput()  
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Most mnt\_want/drop\_write() pairs are really close in the code; they aren't held for very long. So, in practice is hard to get bounced between cpus between when you mnt\_want\_write() and mnt\_drop\_write().

The exception to this is the pair in may\_open() and \_\_fput(). Between those two it is pretty common to move between cpus. During a kernel compile of around 900 files on a 4-way, I saw it happen ~400 times.

This patch assumes that the cpu doing the allocating of the 'struct file' is also the one doing the mnt\_want\_write(). It is OK that it is wrong sometimes, it just means that we regress back to the spinlock-protected search of all of the cpus' counts.

My kernel compile from before went from 400 misses during a compile to just 20 with this patch.

It might also be helpful to do the writer count per-node which would \_\_greatly\_\_ decrease the number of migrations that we see.

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lxc-dave/fs/file_table.c      |  2 +-
lxc-dave/fs/namespace.c      | 17 ++++++++-----
lxc-dave/fs/open.c           |  4 ++++
lxc-dave/include/linux/fs.h   |  1 +
lxc-dave/include/linux/mount.h |  1 +
5 files changed, 16 insertions(+), 9 deletions(-)
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diff -puN fs/file_table.c~fput-cpu fs/file_table.c
--- lxc/fs/file_table.c~fput-cpu 2007-02-20 17:59:48.000000000 -0800
+++ lxc-dave/fs/file_table.c 2007-02-20 17:59:49.000000000 -0800
@@ -215,7 +215,7 @@ void fastcall __fput(struct file *file)
     if (file->f_mode & FMODE_WRITE) {
         put_write_access(inode);
         if(!special_file(inode->i_mode))
-        mnt_drop_write(mnt);
+        __mnt_drop_write(mnt, file->f_write_cpu);
     }
     put_pid(file->f_owner.pid);
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    file_kill(file);
diff -puN fs/namespace.c~fput-cpu fs/namespace.c
--- lxc/fs/namespace.c~fput-cpu 2007-02-20 17:59:48.000000000 -0800
+++ lxc-dave/fs/namespace.c 2007-02-20 18:00:27.000000000 -0800
@@ -89,8 +89,8 @@ struct vfsmount *alloc_vfsmnt(const char
int mnt_want_write(struct vfsmount *mnt)
{
    int ret = 0;
- atomic_t *cpu_writecount;
    int cpu = get_cpu();
+ atomic_t *cpu_writecount;
retry:
/*
 * Not strictly required, but quick and cheap
@@ -122,22 +122,17 @@ out:
    put_cpu();
    return ret;
}
-EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(mnt_want_write);

-void mnt_drop_write(struct vfsmount *mnt)
+void __mnt_drop_write(struct vfsmount *mnt, int cpu)
{
    static int miss = 0;
    atomic_t *cpu_writecount;
- int cpu;
    int borrowed = 0;
    int retries = 0;
retry:
- cpu = get_cpu();
    cpu_writecount = per_cpu_ptr(mnt->writers, cpu);
- if (atomic_add_unless(cpu_writecount, -1, 0)) {
-     put_cpu();
+ if (atomic_add_unless(cpu_writecount, -1, 0))
    return;
- }
    spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
/*
 * Holding the spinlock, and only checking cpus that
@@ -167,6 +162,12 @@ retry:
    if (!borrowed)
        goto retry;
}
+void mnt_drop_write(struct vfsmount *mnt)
+{
+ int cpu = get_cpu();
+ __mnt_drop_write(mnt, cpu);
+ put_cpu();

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+}
EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(mnt_drop_write);

/*
diff -puN fs/open.c~fput-cpu fs/open.c
--- lxc/fs/open.c~fput-cpu 2007-02-20 17:59:48.000000000 -0800
+++ lxc-dave/fs/open.c 2007-02-20 17:59:49.000000000 -0800
@@ -715,6 +715,10 @@ static struct file *__dentry_open(struct
    f->f_path.mnt = mnt;
    f->f_pos = 0;
    f->f_op = fops_get(inode->i_fop);
+ /*
+  * This is OK to race because it is just a hint
+  */
+ f->f_write_cpu = smp_processor_id();
    file_move(f, &inode->i_sb->s_files);

    if (!open && f->f_op)
diff -puN include/linux/fs.h~fput-cpu include/linux/fs.h
--- lxc/include/linux/fs.h~fput-cpu 2007-02-20 17:59:48.000000000 -0800
+++ lxc-dave/include/linux/fs.h 2007-02-20 17:59:49.000000000 -0800
@@ -766,6 +766,7 @@ struct file {
    struct fown_struct f_owner;
    unsigned int f_uid, f_gid;
    struct file_ra_state f_ra;
+ int f_write_cpu;

    unsigned long f_version;
#ifdef CONFIG_SECURITY
diff -puN include/linux/mount.h~fput-cpu include/linux/mount.h
--- lxc/include/linux/mount.h~fput-cpu 2007-02-20 17:59:49.000000000 -0800
+++ lxc-dave/include/linux/mount.h 2007-02-20 17:59:49.000000000 -0800
@@ -94,6 +94,7 @@ static inline int __mnt_is_readonly(stru

extern int mnt_want_write(struct vfsmount *mnt);
extern void mnt_drop_write(struct vfsmount *mnt);
+extern void __mnt_drop_write(struct vfsmount *mnt, int cpu);
extern void mntput_no_expire(struct vfsmount *mnt);
extern void mnt_pin(struct vfsmount *mnt);
extern void mnt_unpin(struct vfsmount *mnt);

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