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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] Kernel memory accounting container (v3)

Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2007 06:56:21 GMT

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Christoph Lameter wrote:

> On Tue, 18 Sep 2007, Balbir Singh wrote:

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>> I've wondered the same thing and asked the question. Pavel wrote

>> back to me saying

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>> "The pages that are full of objects are not linked in any list

>> in kmem\_cache so we just cannot find them."

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> That is true for any types of slab cache and not restricted to kmalloc

> slabs. SLUB can be switched into a mode where it provides these lists

> (again at a performance penalty).

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> But I thought we generate the counters at alloc and free time? So why do

> we need to traverse the object lists?

When we make echo 0 > /sys/slab/xxx/cache\_notify we want all the objects to be unaccounted back immediately. Even \_\_free\_slab() won't catch this because the SLAB\_NOTIFY flag will be turned off for this cache. So we have to walk all the objects and unaccount them.

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