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Subject: Re: [PATCH][for -mm] Fix and Enhancements for memory cgroup [1/6] fix  
refcnt race in charge/uncharge

Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Tue, 09 Oct 2007 10:38:11 GMT

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KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki wrote:

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> The logic of uncharging is
> - decrement refcnt -> lock page cgroup -> remove page cgroup.
> But the logic of charging is
> - lock page cgroup -> increment refcnt -> return.
>
> Then, one charge will be added to a page_cgroup under being removed.
> This makes no big trouble (like panic) but one charge is lost.
>
> This patch add a test at charging to verify page_cgroup's refcnt is
> greater than 0. If not, unlock and retry.
>
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> mm/memcontrol.c | 9 ++++++--
> 1 file changed, 7 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)
>
> Index: linux-2.6.23-rc8-mm2/mm/memcontrol.c
> =====
> --- linux-2.6.23-rc8-mm2.orig/mm/memcontrol.c
> +++ linux-2.6.23-rc8-mm2/mm/memcontrol.c
> @@ -271,14 +271,19 @@ int mem_cgroup_charge(struct page *page,
>  * to see if the cgroup page already has a page_cgroup associated
>  * with it
>  */
> +retry:
>  lock_page_cgroup(page);
>  pc = page_get_page_cgroup(page);
>  /*
>   * The page_cgroup exists and the page has already been accounted
>   */
>  if (pc) {
>  - atomic_inc(&pc->ref_cnt);
>  - goto done;
>  + if (unlikely(!atomic_inc_not_zero(&pc->ref_cnt))) {
>  +  /* this page is under being uncharge ? */
>  +  unlock_page_cgroup(page);
>  +  goto retry;
>  + } else
>  +  goto done;
>  }
>
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> unlock_page_cgroup(page);  
>  
>
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Looks good to me

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