
Subject: Re: [RFC][for -mm] memory controller enhancements for reclaiming take2
[0/8] introduction

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KAMEZAWA Hiroyuki wrote:

> Hi, here is my memory cgroup patchset for 2.6.24-rc3-mm2.
> (for review again. sorry. added -mm to the CC:)
>
> Patch contents are
> - clean up
> - (possible) race fix.
> - throttling LRU scan.
> - background reclaim and high/low watermark
>
> If it's better to divide aboves into a few sets, I'll do so.
>
> Tested on ia64/8CPU/NUMA and x86_64/2CPU/SMP.
>
> [Patches]
> [1/8] ... remove unused variable (clean up)
> [2/8] ... change 'if' sentence to BUG_ON() (clean up)
> [3/8] ... add free_mem_cgroup_per_zone_info (clean up)
> [4/8] ... possible race fix in resource controller
> [5/8] ... throttling simultaneous direct reclaim under cgroup
> [6/8] ... high/low watermark for resource controller
> [7/8] ... use high/low watermark in memory controller
> [8/8] ... wake up reclaim waiters at unchage.
>
> TODO(1): Should I care resource controller users who doesn't use watermarks ?
> and how should I do ?
>

It would be nice to have the watermark set to a good default value. Then
use ACL on the file memory.*watermark to control what users can control
this file.

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>
> here is a brief kernbench result on ia64/8CPU/2-node NUMA.
> (average of 3 runs)
>
> Used 800M limitation and High/Low watermark is 790M/760M (for patched kernel.)
> make -j 4 and make -j 32.
>
>
> *** Before patch *****
> Average Half Load -j 4 Run: Average Optimal -j 32 Load Run:

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> Elapsed Time 266.104           Elapsed Time 353.957
> User Time 1015.82             User Time 1070.68
> System Time 70.0701           System Time 154.63
> Percent CPU 407.667           Percent CPU 351.667
> Context Switches 136916        Context Switches 223173
> Sleeps 135404                 Sleeps 199366
>
> *** After patch *****
> Average Half Load -j 4 Run:    Average Optimal -j 32 Load Run:
> Elapsed Time 266.96            Elapsed Time 232.32      ---(*1)
> User Time 1016.55              User Time 1120.9
> System Time 70.24              System Time 116.843      ---(*2)
> Percent CPU 406.666            Percent CPU 537.667      ---(*3)
> Context Switches 133219        Context Switches 246752
> Sleeps 137232                  Sleeps 195215
>
> make -j 4 result has no difference between "before" and "after".
> (800M was enough)
> make -j 32 result has a difference.
>
> (*1) Elapsed Time is decreased.
> (*2) System Time is decreased.
> (*3) CPU Utilization is increased.
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KAMEZAWA-San, what happens if we use a little less aggressive set of watermarks, something like

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Can we keep the defaults something close to what each zone uses?
pages_low, pages_high and pages_min.

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> This is because %iowait is decreased and "recaliming too much" is avoided.
>
> here is vmstat -n 60 result amount make -j 32.
>
> *** Before Patch ***
> procs -----memory----- ---swap-- -----io---- --system-- -----cpu-----
> r b swpd free buff cache si so bi bo in cs us sy id wa st
> 37 6 416176 5758384 47824 288656 25 15823 311 18408 37259 2935 31 5 39 25 0
> 10 28 590336 5774528 50112 294560 323 27815 950 28225 52751 3405 45 8 4 43 0
> 18 28 648384 5614352 53744 298464 507 27710 1148 28226 54039 3521 60 9 2 29 0
> 2 38 921312 5269648 50256 285392 185 29883 995 30471 55296 3000 39 7 8 46 0
> 4 9 974944 5710672 52288 309104 206 31675 950 31885 54836 3074 48 6 6 40 0
> 4 33 919568 5553984 49520 285664 119 3775 891 6850 17000 2810 21 4 63 12 0
> 15 24 1063856 5290144 51904 294128 56 27886 952 28406 56501 3317 54 9 1 36 0
> 0 44 1399696 4933296 54592 292416 260 28046 847 28361 58778 3104 43 7 5 46 0

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> 0 47 1351200 4992208 56400 302896 275 22439 816 22694 44746 2945 32 5 14 50 0
> 2 40 1433568 4878784 58032 290768 189 19617 971 19907 33764 2883 20 4 17 59 0
> 3 41 1600608 4716688 59168 304496 155 19675 598 20032 39205 3007 39 4 14 43 0
> 0 0 1143728 5587440 81456 301792 373 4040 1095 7052 11288 3006 30 3 50 17 0
> 0 56 1487536 5281472 52208 276624 52 21253 403 21568 42882 2793 31 6 18 45 0
> .....
>
> *** After Patch ***
> procs -----memory----- ---swap-- -----io---- --system-- -----cpu-----
> r b swpd free buff cache si so bi bo in cs us sy id wa st
> 25 22 271872 5869728 51792 290656 14 12589 593 13659 68145 3692 68 8 20 3 0
> 30 25 546592 5621552 53216 288128 106 25837 1058 26541 98549 3377 70 9 8 12 0
> 1 16 878384 5103024 54064 290032 345 25477 1251 26176 94491 3325 67 8 8 18 0
> 1 0 767200 5918896 82032 302704 25 8035 1023 10953 32435 2859 30 4 56 10 0
> 28 10 948640 5156912 53920 290416 21 13784 814 14706 77824 3740 84 9 5 3 0
> 0 15 1320224 4683840 55680 296912 158 28465 893 29008 98158 3303 65 8 8 19 0
> 40 15 1619600 4372128 55424 297424 136 31633 848 32190 102808 3188 60 7 6 27 0
> 0 0 1529152 5203728 83584 299968 47 11217 950 14145 39845 2799 27 4 52 17 0
> 30 10 1821776 4272416 56384 292528 16 13483 831 14271 77710 3749 77 9 11 3 0
> 33 16 2016464 3998480 56448 296416 96 19846 739 20454 78992 3342 58 6 11 26 0
> 0 17 2148832 3820112 56544 289920 68 19842 528 20350 75083 2966 45 5 23 26 0
> 30 17 2118320 3891520 56320 293776 44 17544 533 18000 61345 2613 36 4 23 36 0
>
> %iowait is decreased to some extent.
> %user is increased (as a result)
>
> No meaningful difference when memory is enough.
>
> Thanks,
> -Kame
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Thanks,

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