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Subject: [RFC][PATCH 0/3] Kernel memory accounting container  
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2007 09:32:22 GMT  
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Long time ago we decided to start memory control with the user memory container. Now this container in -mm tree and I think we can start with (at least discussion of) the kmem one.

First of all - why do we need this kind of control. The major "pros" is that kernel memory control protects the system from DoS attacks by processes that live in container. As our experience shows many exploits simply do not work in the container with limited kernel memory.

I can split the kernel memory container into 4 parts:

1. kmalloc-ed objects control
2. vmalloc-ed objects control
3. buddy allocated pages control
4. kmem\_cache\_alloc-ed objects control

the control of first tree types of objects has one peculiarity: one need to explicitly point out which allocations he wants to account and this becomes not-configurable and is to be discussed.

On the other hands such objects as anon\_vma-s, file-s, sighangds, vfsmounts, etc are created by user request always and should always be accounted. Fortunately they are allocated from their own caches and thus the whole kmem cache can be accountable.

This is exactly what this patchset does - it adds the ability to account for the total size of kmem-cache-allocated objects from specified kmem caches.

This is based on the SLUB allocator, Paul's containers and the resource counters I made for RSS controller and which are in -mm tree already.

To play with it, one need to mount the container file system with -o kmem and then mark some caches as accountable via /sys/slab/<cache\_name>/cache\_account.

As I have already told kmalloc caches cannot be accounted easily so turning the accounting on for them will fail with -EINVAL. Turning the accounting off is possible only if the cache has no objects. This is done so because turning accounting off implies unaccounting of all the objects in the cache, but due

to full-pages in slub are not stored in any lists (usually)  
this is impossible to do so, however I'm open for discussion  
of how to make this work.

I know it's maybe too late, since some of you may be preparing  
for the Summit or LinuxConf, but I think that we can go on  
discussing these on LinuxConf.

The patches are applicable to the latest Morton's tree (that  
without the RSS controll) with the resource counters patch  
Andrew committed recently.

I've made some minimal testing for that and the similar code  
(without the containers interface but with the kmalloc  
accounting) is already in our 2.6.22 OpenVZ tree, so testing  
is going on.

Thanks,  
Pavel

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Attach the controller to the containers. This can work  
with the SLUB allocator only. However, if we need I can  
port this on SLAB (and even SLOB ; ) ).

This setup is simple and stupid.

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```
include/linux/container_subsys.h | 4 +
init/Kconfig                    | 6 ++
mm/slub.c                       | 109 +++++
3 files changed, 119 insertions(+)
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/container_subsys.h b/include/linux/container_subsys.h
index 027465a..1dde0dc 100644
--- a/include/linux/container_subsys.h
+++ b/include/linux/container_subsys.h
@@ -29,4 +29,8 @@ SUBSYS(debug)
SUBSYS(ns)
#endif
```

```

+#ifdef CONFIG_CONTAINER_KMEM
+SUBSYS(kmem)
+#endif
+
+/* */
diff --git a/init/Kconfig b/init/Kconfig
index f9b8d14..4d071bc 100644
--- a/init/Kconfig
+++ b/init/Kconfig
@@ -364,6 +364,12 @@ config SYSFS_DEPRECATED
    If you are using a distro that was released in 2006 or later,
    it should be safe to say N here.

+config CONTAINER_KMEM
+ bool "Kernel memory controller for containers"
+ depends on CONTAINERS && RESOURCE_COUNTERS && SLUB
+ help
+   Provides a kernel memory usage control for containers
+
+ config PROC_PID_CPUSET
+   bool "Include legacy /proc/<pid>/cpuset file"
+   depends on CPUSETS
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index 130171d..e4f7390 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -21,6 +21,11 @@
#include <linux/ctype.h>
#include <linux/kallsyms.h>

+#ifdef CONFIG_CONTAINER_KMEM
+#include <linux/container.h>
+#include <linux/res_counter.h>
+#endif
+
+/*
+ * Lock order:
+ * 1. slab_lock(page)
@@ -3870,3 +4011,105 @@ static int __init slab_sysfs_init(void)

__initcall(slab_sysfs_init);
#endif
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_CONTAINER_KMEM
+struct kmem_container {
+ struct container_subsys_state css;
+ struct res_counter res;
+};

```

```

+
+static inline
+struct kmem_container *css_to_kmem(struct container_subsys_state *css)
+{
+ return container_of(css, struct kmem_container, css);
+}
+
+static inline
+struct kmem_container *container_to_kmem(struct container *cont)
+{
+ return css_to_kmem(container_subsys_state(cont, kmem_subsys_id));
+}
+
+static inline
+struct kmem_container *task_kmem_container(struct task_struct *tsk)
+{
+ return css_to_kmem(task_subsys_state(tsk, kmem_subsys_id));
+}
+
+/*
+ * containers interface
+ */
+
+static struct kmem_container init_kmem_container;
+
+static struct container_subsys_state *kmem_create(struct container_subsys *ss,
+ struct container *container)
+{
+ struct kmem_container *mem;
+
+ if (unlikely((container->parent) == NULL))
+ mem = &init_kmem_container;
+ else
+ mem = kzalloc(sizeof(struct kmem_container), GFP_KERNEL);
+
+ if (mem == NULL)
+ return NULL;
+
+ res_counter_init(&mem->res);
+ return &mem->css;
+}
+
+static void kmem_destroy(struct container_subsys *ss,
+ struct container *container)
+{
+ kfree(container_to_kmem(container));
+}

```

```

+
+static ssize_t kmem_container_read(struct container *cont, struct cftype *cft,
+ struct file *file, char __user *userbuf, size_t nbytes,
+ loff_t *ppos)
+{
+ return res_counter_read(&container_to_kmem(cont)->res,
+ cft->private, userbuf, nbytes, ppos);
+}
+
+static ssize_t kmem_container_write(struct container *cont, struct cftype *cft,
+ struct file *file, const char __user *userbuf,
+ size_t nbytes, loff_t *ppos)
+{
+ return res_counter_write(&container_to_kmem(cont)->res,
+ cft->private, userbuf, nbytes, ppos);
+}
+
+static struct cftype kmem_files[] = {
+ {
+ .name = "usage",
+ .private = RES_USAGE,
+ .read = kmem_container_read,
+ },
+ {
+ .name = "limit",
+ .private = RES_LIMIT,
+ .write = kmem_container_write,
+ .read = kmem_container_read,
+ },
+ {
+ .name = "failcnt",
+ .private = RES_FAILCNT,
+ .read = kmem_container_read,
+ },
+};
+
+static int kmem_populate(struct container_subsys *ss, struct container *cnt)
+{
+ return container_add_files(cnt, ss, kmem_files, ARRAY_SIZE(kmem_files));
+}
+
+struct container_subsys kmem_subsys = {
+ .name = "kmem",
+ .create = kmem_create,
+ .destroy = kmem_destroy,
+ .populate = kmem_populate,
+ .subsys_id = kmem_subsys_id,
+ .early_init = 1,

```

```
+};
+#endif
```

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The struct page gets an extra pointer (just like it has with the RSS controller) and this pointer points to the array of the kmem\_container pointers - one for each object stored on that page itself.

Thus the i'th object on the page is accounted to the container pointed by the i'th pointer on that array and when the object is freed we unaccount its size to this particular container, not the container current task belongs to.

This is done so, because the context objects are freed is most often not the same as the one this objects was allocated in (due to RCU and reference counters).

Kmem cache marked as SLAB\_CHARGE will perform the accounting.

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```
include/linux/mm_types.h | 3
include/linux/slab.h      | 1
mm/slub.c                 | 158 +++++
3 files changed, 161 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/mm_types.h b/include/linux/mm_types.h
```

```
index 2dd6c53..629499e 100644
```

```
--- a/include/linux/mm_types.h
```

```
+++ b/include/linux/mm_types.h
```

```
@@ -96,6 +96,9 @@ struct page {
```

```
    unsigned int gfp_mask;
```

```
    unsigned long trace[8];
```

```
};
```

```
+#ifdef CONFIG_CONTAINER_KMEM
```

```
+ struct kmem_container **containers;
```

```
+#endif
```

```
};
```

```
/*
```

```
diff --git a/include/linux/slab.h b/include/linux/slab.h
```

```

index 3a5bad3..cd7d50d 100644
--- a/include/linux/slab.h
+++ b/include/linux/slab.h
@@ -28,6 +28,7 @@
#define SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU 0x00080000UL /* Defer freeing slabs to RCU */
#define SLAB_MEM_SPREAD 0x00100000UL /* Spread some memory over cpuset */
#define SLAB_TRACE 0x00200000UL /* Trace allocations and frees */
+#define SLAB_CHARGE 0x00400000UL /* Charge allocations */

/* The following flags affect the page allocator grouping pages by mobility */
#define SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT 0x00020000UL /* Objects are reclaimable */
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index 130171d..e4f7390 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -1039,6 +1044,73 @@
static inline void add_full(struct kmem_
static inline void kmem_cache_open_debug_check(struct kmem_cache *s) {}
#define slub_debug 0
#endif
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_CONTAINER_KMEM
+/*
+ * Fast path stubs
+ */
+
+static int __kmem_charge(struct kmem_cache *s, void *obj, gfp_t flags);
+static inline
+int kmem_charge(struct kmem_cache *s, void *obj, gfp_t flags)
+{
+ return (s->flags & SLAB_CHARGE) ? __kmem_charge(s, obj, flags) : 0;
+}
+
+static void __kmem_uncharge(struct kmem_cache *s, void *obj);
+static inline
+void kmem_uncharge(struct kmem_cache *s, void *obj)
+{
+ if (s->flags & SLAB_CHARGE)
+ __kmem_uncharge(s, obj);
+}
+
+static int __kmem_prepare(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *pg, gfp_t flags);
+static inline
+int kmem_prepare(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *pg, gfp_t flags)
+{
+ return (s->flags & SLAB_CHARGE) ? __kmem_prepare(s, pg, flags) : 0;
+}
+
+static void __kmem_release(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *pg);

```

```

+static inline
+void kmem_release(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *pg)
+{
+ if (s->flags & SLAB_CHARGE)
+ __kmem_release(s, pg);
+}
+
+static inline int is_kmalloc_cache(struct kmem_cache *s)
+{
+ int km_idx;
+
+ km_idx = s - kmalloc_caches;
+ return km_idx >= 0 && km_idx < ARRAY_SIZE(kmalloc_caches);
+}
+#else
+static inline
+int kmem_charge(struct kmem_cache *s, void *obj, gfp_t flags)
+{
+ return 0;
+}
+
+static inline
+void kmem_uncharge(struct kmem_cache *s, void *obj)
+{
+}
+
+static inline
+int kmem_prepare(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *pg, gfp_t flags)
+{
+ return 0;
+}
+
+static inline
+void kmem_release(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *pg)
+{
+}
+#endif
+
+/*
+ * Slab allocation and freeing
+ */
@@ -1062,7 +1134,10 @@ static struct page *allocate_slab(struct
page = alloc_pages_node(node, flags, s->order);

if (!page)
- return NULL;
+ goto err_page;
+

```

```

+ if (kmem_prepare(s, page, flags) < 0)
+ goto err_prep;

    mod_zone_page_state(page_zone(page),
        (s->flags & SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT) ?
@@ -1070,6 +1145,11 @@ static struct page *allocate_slab(struct
    pages);

    return page;
+
+err_prep:
+ __free_pages(page, s->order);
+err_page:
+ return NULL;
}

static void setup_object(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *page,
@@ -1165,6 +1245,8 @@ static void rcu_free_slab(struct rcu_he

static void free_slab(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *page)
{
+ kmem_release(s, page);
+
    if (unlikely(s->flags & SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU)) {
        /*
        * RCU free overloads the RCU head over the LRU
@@ -1572,6 +1654,11 @@ static void __always_inline *slab_alloc(
    }
    local_irq_restore(flags);

+ if (object && kmem_charge(s, object, gfpflags) < 0) {
+ kmem_cache_free(s, object);
+ return NULL;
+ }
+
    if (unlikely((gfpflags & __GFP_ZERO) && object))
        memset(object, 0, s->objsize);

@@ -1667,6 +1754,8 @@ static void __always_inline slab_free(st
    void **object = (void *)x;
    unsigned long flags;

+ kmem_uncharge(s, x);
+
    local_irq_save(flags);
    debug_check_no_locks_freed(object, s->objsize);
    if (likely(page == s->cpu_slab[smp_processor_id()] &&
@@ -3870,6 +4011,78 @@ static int __init slab_sysfs_init(void)

```

```

    return css_to_kmem(task_subsys_state(tsk, kmem_subsys_id));
}

+static int __kmem_charge(struct kmem_cache *s, void *obj, gfp_t flags)
+{
+ struct page *pg;
+ struct kmem_container *cnt;
+ struct kmem_container **obj_container;
+
+ pg = virt_to_head_page(obj);
+ obj_container = pg->containers;
+ if (unlikely(obj_container == NULL)) {
+ /*
+  * turned on after some objects were allocated
+  */
+ if (__kmem_prepare(s, pg, flags) < 0)
+ return -ENOMEM;
+
+ obj_container = pg->containers;
+ }
+
+ cnt = task_kmem_container(current);
+ if (res_counter_charge(&cnt->res, s->size))
+ return -ENOMEM;
+
+ css_get(&cnt->css);
+ obj_container[slab_index(obj, s, page_address(pg))] = cnt;
+ return 0;
+}
+
+static void __kmem_uncharge(struct kmem_cache *s, void *obj)
+{
+ struct page *pg;
+ struct kmem_container *cnt;
+ struct kmem_container **obj_container;
+
+ pg = virt_to_head_page(obj);
+ obj_container = pg->containers;
+ if (obj_container == NULL)
+ return;
+
+ obj_container += slab_index(obj, s, page_address(pg));
+ cnt = *obj_container;
+ if (cnt == NULL)
+ return;
+
+ res_counter_uncharge(&cnt->res, s->size);
+ *obj_container = NULL;

```

```

+ css_put(&cnt->css);
+}
+
+static int __kmem_prepare(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *pg, gfp_t flags)
+{
+ struct kmem_container **ptr;
+
+ ptr = kzalloc(s->objects * sizeof(struct kmem_container *), flags);
+ if (ptr == NULL)
+ return -ENOMEM;
+
+ pg->containers = ptr;
+ return 0;
+}
+
+static void __kmem_release(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *pg)
+{
+ struct kmem_container **ptr;
+
+ ptr = pg->containers;
+ if (ptr == NULL)
+ return;
+
+ kfree(ptr);
+ pg->containers = NULL;
+}
+
+/*
+ * containers interface
+ */

```

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Subject: [RFC][PATCH 3/3] Tune caches to be accountable or not  
 Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2007 09:44:12 GMT  
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The /sys/slab/<name>/cache\_account attribute controls whether the cache <name> is to be accounted or not.

For the reasons described in the zeroth letter kmalloccaches are excluded and are not allowed to be merged.

By default no caches are accountable. Simply make  
 # echo -n "on" > /sys/slab/<name>cache\_account  
 to turn accounting on. Maybe its better to make it  
 # echo -n "1" > ...  
 ?

Other caches can be accountable, but if we turn accounting on on some cache and this cache is merged with some other, this "other" will be accountable as well. We can solve this by disabling of cache merging, but I'd prefer to know Christoph's opinion first.

Turning the accounting off is possible only when this cache is empty.

Signed-off-by: Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org>

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```
mm/slub.c | 52 ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
1 files changed, 52 insertions(+)
```

```
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index 130171d..e4f7390 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -2684,6 +2773,16 @@ static int slab_unmergeable(struct kmem_
    if (s->refcount < 0)
        return 1;

+#ifdef CONFIG_CONTAINER_KMEM
+ /*
+ * many caches that can be accountable are usually merged with
+ * kmalloc caches, which are disabled for accounting for a while
+ */
+
+ if (is_kmalloc_cache(s))
+ return 1;
+#endif
+
    return 0;
}

@@ -3616,6 +3715,45 @@ static ssize_t defrag_ratio_store(struct
    SLAB_ATTR(defrag_ratio);
#endif

+#ifdef CONFIG_CONTAINER_KMEM
+static ssize_t cache_account_show(struct kmem_cache *s, char *buf)
+{
+ return sprintf(buf, "%s\n",
+ s->flags & SLAB_CHARGE ? "on" : "off");
+}
+
```

```

+static ssize_t cache_account_store(struct kmem_cache *s,
+ const char *buf, size_t length)
+{
+ if (strncmp(buf, "on", length) == 0) {
+ if (is_kmalloc_cache(s))
+ /*
+ * cannot just make these caches accountable
+ */
+ return -EINVAL;
+
+ s->flags |= SLAB_CHARGE;
+ return length;
+ }
+
+ if (strncmp(buf, "off", length) == 0) {
+ if (any_slab_objects(s))
+ /*
+ * we cannot turn this off because of the
+ * full slabs cannot be found in this case
+ */
+ return -EBUSY;
+
+ s->flags &= ~SLAB_CHARGE;
+ return length;
+ }
+
+ return -EINVAL;
+}
+
+SLAB_ATTR(cache_account);
+#endif
+
+static struct attribute * slab_attrs[] = {
+ &slab_size_attr.attr,
+ &object_size_attr.attr,
@@ -3646,6 +3784,9 @@ static struct attribute * slab_attrs[] =
#ifdef CONFIG_NUMA
+ &defrag_ratio_attr.attr,
#endif
#ifdef CONFIG_CONTAINER_KMEM
+ &cache_account_attr.attr,
#endif
+ NULL
+};

```

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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 3/3] Tune caches to be accountable or not

Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2007 10:02:12 GMT

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On Thu, Aug 30, 2007 at 01:44:12PM +0400, Pavel Emelyanov wrote:

```
> The /sys/slab/<name>/cache_account attribute controls
> whether the cache <name> is to be accounted or not.
>
> For the reasons described in the zeroth letter kmallocc
> caches are excluded and are not allowed to be merged.
>
> By default no caches are accountable. Simply make
> # echo -n "on" > /sys/slab/<name>cache_account
> to turn accounting on. Maybe its better to make it
> # echo -n "1" > ...
> ?
```

IMO, echo 1 >/sys/slab/\*/account is the best. With obvious changes in show function.

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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 1/3] Setup the kmem container

Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2007 16:01:30 GMT

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On 8/30/07, Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:

```
> --- a/include/linux/container_subsys.h
> +++ b/include/linux/container_subsys.h
> @@ -29,4 +29,8 @@ SUBSYS(debug)
> SUBSYS(ns)
> #endif
>
> +#ifdef CONFIG_CONTAINER_KMEM
> +SUBSYS(kmem)
> +#endif
> +
> /* */
```

I've been trying to follow the convention that any new subsystem adds /\* \*/ markers before and after, to reduce/remove any patch conflicts.

Paul

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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 2/3] The accounting hooks and core

Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 18:59:42 GMT

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On 8/30/07, Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:

```
> +
> + cnt = task_kmem_container(current);
> + if (res_counter_charge(&cnt->res, s->size))
> +     return -ENOMEM;
> +
> + css_get(&cnt->css);
```

These lines should be in an rcu\_read\_lock() section.

Paul

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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 1/3] Setup the kmem container  
Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 19:04:58 GMT  
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On 8/30/07, Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:

```
> +config CONTAINER_KMEM
> + bool "Kernel memory controller for containers"
> + depends on CONTAINERS && RESOURCE_COUNTERS && SLUB
> + help
> + Provides a kernel memory usage controll for containers
```

s/Provided/Provides/  
s/controll/control/

```
> +
> + if (mem == NULL)
> +     return NULL;
```

That ought to be

```
return -ENOMEM;
```

Paul

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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 1/3] Setup the kmem container  
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Tue, 04 Sep 2007 09:24:36 GMT  
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Paul Menage wrote:

```
> On 8/30/07, Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:
>> +config CONTAINER_KMEM
>> + bool "Kernel memory controller for containers"
>> + depends on CONTAINERS && RESOURCE_COUNTERS && SLUB
>> + help
```

```
>> +   Provides a kernel memory usage control for containers
>
> s/Provides/Provides/
> s/control/control/
```

:) Thanks

```
>> +
>> +   if (mem == NULL)
>> +       return NULL;
>
> That ought to be
>
>   return -ENOMEM;
```

Are you sure? This function should return the pointer! Maybe its ought to be `ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM)`?

```
>
> Paul
>
```

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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 2/3] The accounting hooks and core  
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Paul Menage wrote:

> On 8/30/07, Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:

```
>> +
>> +   cnt = task_kmem_container(current);
>> +   if (res_counter_charge(&cnt->res, s->size))
>> +       return -ENOMEM;
>> +
>> +   css_get(&cnt->css);
```

```
>
> These lines should be in an rcu_read_lock() section.
```

Indeed. Thanks a lot. :)

```
> Paul
>
```

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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 1/3] Setup the kmem container  
Posted by [Paul Menage](#) on Tue, 04 Sep 2007 14:56:24 GMT  
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On 9/4/07, Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:

> > That ought to be

> >

> > return -ENOMEM;

>

> Are you sure? This function should return the pointer! Maybe its

> ought to be ERR\_PTR(-ENOMEM)?

>

Yes, good point.

Paul

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