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io controller
users and requirements:
1. At a talk presented to the Linux Foundation
(OSDL), the attendees showed interest in an IO
controller to control IO bandwidth of various
filesystem operations (backup, journalling,
etc)
work items:
1. Proof of concept IO controller and community discussion/feedback
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The most commonly listed uses for namespaces are virtual servers and checkpoint restart. Other uses are debugging (running tests in not-quite-virtual-servers) and resource isolation, such as the use of mounts namespaces to simulate multi-level directories for LSPP.

2. Task Containers:

(Vatsa to fill in)

3. Checkpoint/restart

load balancing:
applications can be migrated from high-load systems to ones with a lower load. Long-running applications can be checkpointed (or migrated) to start a short-running high-load job, then restarted.

kernel upgrades:
A long-running application - or whole virtual server - can be migrated or checkpointed so that the system can be rebooted, and the application can continue to run

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In the list of stakeholders, I try to guess based on past comments and contributions what *general* area they are most likely to contribute in. I may try to narrow those down later, but am just trying to get something out the door right now before my next computer breaks.

Stakeholders:

- Eric Biederman
  - everything
- google
  - task containers
- ibm (serge, dave, cedric, daniel)
  - namespaces
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- bull (benjamin, pierre)
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- NEC Japan (Masahiko Takahashi)
  - checkpoint/restart
- Linux-VServer
  - namespaces+containers
- zap project
  - checkpoint/restart
- planetlab
  - everything
- hp
  - network namespaces, virtual servers?
- XtreemOS
  - checkpoint/restart
- Fujitsu/VA Linux Japan
  - resource control
- BLCR (Paul H. Hargrove)
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Is anyone else still missing from the list?

thanks,
-serge

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I'm not sure why author didn't pay attention to these HUGE differences in configuration...
Maybe because 1100x times is so incredible :@)

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> fair-group scheduling.
> 2. More accurate SMP fairness
> 3. Hard limit
> 4. SCHED_FIFO type policy for groups
> 5. Improved statistics and debug facility
> for group scheduler
> io controller

> users and requirements:
> 1. At a talk presented to the Linux
> Foundation
> (OSDL), the attendees showed interest in
> an IO
> controller to control IO bandwidth of
> various
> filesystem operations (backup,
> journalling,
> etc)
> work items:
> 1. Proof of concept IO controller and
> community discussion/feedback
> 2. Development and Integration of the IO
> controller with containers
> open issues
> 1. Automatic tagging/resource
> classification engine
>
>
> 5. checkpoint/restart
> memory c/r
> (there are a few designs and prototypes)
> (though this may be ironed out by then)
> per-container swapfile?
> overall checkpoint strategy (one of:)
> in-kernel
> userspace-driven
> hybrid
> overall restart strategy
> use freezer API
> use suspend-to-disk?
> sysvipc
> "set identifier" syscall
> pid namespace
> clone_with_pid()
> live migration
>
>
> ==================== Section 3 ====================
> =Use cases
> ==================== Section 3 ====================
>
> 1, Namespaces:
>
> The most commonly listed uses for namespaces are virtual
> servers and checkpoint restart. Other uses are debugging
> (running tests in not-quite-virtual-servers) and resource

> isolation, such as the use of mounts namespaces to simulate
> multi-level directories for LSPP.
>
> 2. Task Containers:
>
> (Vatsa to fill in)
>
> 3. Checkpoint/restart
>
> load balancing:
> applications can be migrated from high-load systems to ones
> with a lower load. Long-running applications can be checkpointed
> (or migrated) to start a short-running high-load job, then
> restarted.
>
> kernel upgrades:
> A long-running application - or whole virtual server - can
> be migrated or checkpointed so that the system can be
> rebooted, and the application can continue to run
>
>
> ====================== Section 4 ======================
> =Involved parties
> ====================== Section 4 ======================
>
> In the list of stakeholders, I try to guess based on past comments and
> contributions what *general* area they are most likely to contribute in.
> I may try to narrow those down later, but am just trying to get something
> out the door right now before my next computer breaks.
>
> Stakeholders:
> Eric Biederman
> everything
> google
> task containers
> ibm (serge, dave, cedric, daniel)
> namespaces
> checkpoint/restart
> bull (benjamin, pierre)
> namespaces
> checkpoint/restart
> ibm (balbir, vatsa)
> task containers
> kerlabs
> checkpoint/restart
> openvz
> everything
> NEC Japan (Masahiko Takahashi)

> checkpoint/restart
> Linux-VServer
> namespaces+containers
> zap project
> checkpoint/restart
> planetlab
> everything
> hp
> network namespaces, virtual servers?
> XtreemOS
> checkpoint/restart
> Fujitsu/VA Linux Japan
> resource control
> BLCR (Paul H. Hargrove)
> checkpoint/restart
>
> Is anyone else still missing from the list?
>
> thanks,
> -serge
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Subject: Re: [RFC] Container mini-summit agenda for Sept 3, 2007
Posted by Alasdair G Kergon on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 00:03:17 GMT
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We are still hoping to have a speaker phone set up - you may want to prepare
and distribute a dial-in number.

Alasdair
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agk@redhat.com

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Subject: Re: [RFC] Container mini-summit agenda for Sept 3, 2007
Posted by ebiederm on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 00:25:36 GMT

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"Kirill Kolyshkin" <kolyshkin@gmail.com> writes:

> So, this is just to confirm the final details about container mini-summit which
> will be held tomorrow.
>
> Time: starting at 9am 3th Sept.
> Place: Cambridge's University Arms Hotel, room Churchill D.
>
>
> Let's meet at the hotel lobby close to 9am and when go to the room.
>
> Eric, Paul,
> Can you please clarify whether will you be able to present or not?

Not physically. I might be able to dial in if that is available,
depends on how much I adjust my sleep schedule today before my trip.
I won't be present physically until sometime on the 4th.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [RFC] Container mini-summit agenda for Sept 3, 2007
Posted by Paul Menage on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 03:51:45 GMT
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On 9/2/07, Kirill Kolyshkin <kolyshkin@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> Eric, Paul,
> Can you please clarify whether will you be able to present or not?
>

I'll be dialling in or on Skype, depending on what's available.

Paul

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Subject: Re: [RFC] Container mini-summit agenda for Sept 3, 2007

Posted by Srivatsa Vaddagiri on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 04:44:52 GMT
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On Sun, Sep 02, 2007 at 11:49:54PM +0100, Kirill Kolyshkin wrote:
> So, this is just to confirm the final details about container
> mini-summit which will be held tomorrow.

I am planning to attend this on phone (along with Dhaval and Vaidya from
IBM).

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Regards,
vatsa

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Subject: Re: [RFC] Container mini-summit agenda for Sept 3, 2007
Posted by Srivatsa Vaddagiri on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 08:22:03 GMT
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On Sun, Sep 02, 2007 at 11:49:54PM +0100, Kirill Kolyshkin wrote:
> So, this is just to confirm the final details about container
> mini-summit which will be held tomorrow.
>
> Time: starting at 9am 3th Sept.
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Hi Kirill,
 What's the callin details for this conference?

Regards,
vatsa

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Subject: Re: [RFC] Container mini-summit agenda for Sept 3, 2007
Posted by Cedric Le Goater on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 08:45:57 GMT
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Hello !

Cedric Le Goater wrote:
> Hello All,
>
> Some of us will meet next week for the first mini-summit on containers.
> Many thanks to Alasdair Kergon and LCE for the help they provided in
> making this mini-summit happen !
>
> It will be help on Monday the 3rd of September from 9:00 to 12:45 at LCE
> in room D. We also might get a phone line for external participants and,
> if not, we should be able to set up a skype phone.
>
> Here's a first try for the Agenda.
>
> Global items
>
> [let's try to defer discussion after presentation]
>
> * Pavel Emelianov status update

slides are available here :

 http://download.openvz.org/~xemul/minisummit.odp

thanks,

C.

> * Serge E. Hallyn Container Roadmap including
> . task containers (Paul Menage)
> . resource management (Srivatsa Vaddagiri)
>
> Special items
>
> [brainstorm sessions which we would like to focus on]
>
> * builing the global container object ('a la' openvz or vserver)
> * container user space tools
> * container checkpoint/restart
>
>
> Thanks,
>
> C.
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Subject: Re: [RFC] Container mini-summit agenda for Sept 3, 2007
Posted by Paul Menage on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 09:03:06 GMT
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On 9/3/07, Cedric Le Goater <clg@fr.ibm.com> wrote:
>
> http://download.openvz.org/~xemul/minisummit.odp
>

I notice ?s against "Task scheduler" and "Network scheduler".

Is "Task scheduler" meant to represent "CPU scheduler" or "task count limit". If the former, CFS in the mainline should provide a lot of what we need, and has already been linked with task containers by Srivatsa Vaddagiri.

Network scheduling is already fairly advanced in Linux - all we need is a way to be able to feed container information into existing Linux traffic control concepts. We've played with an approach that lets us tag a container with a particular id, and then use that id as the primary classifier in a standard HTB controller, and it seems to be fairly successful.

Paul

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Subject: Re: [RFC] Container mini-summit agenda for Sept 3, 2007
Posted by Pavel Emelianov on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 09:32:46 GMT
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Paul Menage wrote:

> On 9/3/07, Cedric Le Goater <clg@fr.ibm.com> wrote:
>> http://download.openvz.org/~xemul/minisummit.odp
>>
>
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> limit". If the former, CFS in the mainline should provide a lot of
> what we need, and has already been linked with task containers by
> Srivatsa Vaddagiri.

Yes, task scheduler is the CPU scheduler.

> Network scheduling is already fairly advanced in Linux - all we need
> is a way to be able to feed container information into existing Linux
> traffic control concepts. We've played with an approach that lets us
> tag a container with a particular id, and then use that id as the
> primary classifier in a standard HTB controller, and it seems to be
> fairly successful.
>
> Paul
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Subject: Re: [RFC] Container mini-summit agenda for Sept 3, 2007
Posted by Paul Menage on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 09:48:23 GMT
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On 9/3/07, Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:
>
> Yes, task scheduler is the CPU scheduler.

OK. Am I right in thinking that CFS is expected to provide most of the
CPU scheduler support that we need, when enhanced with Vatsa's group
scheduling patches?

Paul

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Subject: Re: [RFC] Container mini-summit agenda for Sept 3, 2007
Posted by Pavel Emelianov on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 09:50:59 GMT
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Paul Menage wrote:
> On 9/3/07, Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:
>> Yes, task scheduler is the CPU scheduler.
>
> OK. Am I right in thinking that CFS is expected to provide most of the
> CPU scheduler support that we need, when enhanced with Vatsa's group
> scheduling patches?

I hope so :)

> Paul
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Subject: Re: [RFC] Container mini-summit agenda for Sept 3, 2007
Posted by Srivatsa Vaddagiri on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 10:16:20 GMT
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On Mon, Sep 03, 2007 at 02:48:23AM -0700, Paul Menage wrote:
> OK. Am I right in thinking that CFS is expected to provide most of the
> CPU scheduler support that we need, when enhanced with Vatsa's group
> scheduling patches?

CFS pretty much provides the core logic to fairly divide the cpu as per
the weight of each group. One complication is with respect to SMP
load balance, to ensure that each group gets its fair share on all the
cpus put together.

We have been experimenting with few ideas on the smp group fairness and expect
to send out the patches to Andrew in a week or two.

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Regards,
vatsa

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