LOCK STATISTICS

- WHAT

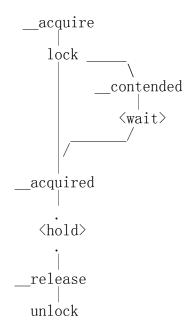
As the name suggests, it provides statistics on locks.

WHY

Because things like lock contention can severely impact performance.

- HOW

Lockdep already has hooks in the lock functions and maps lock instances to lock classes. We build on that. The graph below shows the relation between the lock functions and the various hooks therein.



lock, unlock — the regular lock functions

_* — the hooks
— states

With these hooks we provide the following statistics:

con-bounces - number of lock contention that involved x-cpu data contentions - number of lock acquisitions that had to wait - shortest (non-0) time we ever had to wait for a lock wait time min - longest time we ever had to wait for a lock max - total time we spend waiting on this lock total - number of lock acquisitions that involved x-cpu data acq-bounces - number of times we took the lock acquisitions hold time min - shortest (non-0) time we ever held the lock - longest time we ever held the lock max - total time this lock was held total

From these number various other statistics can be derived, such as:

hold time average = hold time total / acquisitions

These numbers are gathered per lock class, per read/write state (when applicable).

It also tracks 4 contention points per class. A contention point is a call site that had to wait on lock acquisition.

- CONFIGURATION

Lock statistics are enabled via CONFIG_LOCK_STATS.

- USAGE

Enable collection of statistics:

echo 1 >/proc/sys/kernel/lock_stat

Disable collection of statistics:

echo 0 >/proc/sys/kernel/lock_stat

Look at the current lock statistics:

- (line numbers not part of actual output, done for clarity in the explanation below)
- # less /proc/lock_stat

01 lock_stat version 0.3 02		
03 class name waittime-min waittime-max waittime-total a holdtime-min holdtime-max holdtime-total 04	con-bounces acq-bounces a	
05		
06 &mm->mmap sem-W:	233	538
18446744073708 22924. 27 607243. 51	1342	45806
1. 71 8595. 89 1180582. 34		
07 &mm->mmap_sem-R:	205	587
18446744073708 28403. 36 731975. 00	1940	412426
0. 58 187825. 45 6307502. 88		
08 09 &mm->mmap_sem	487	
[<ffffffff8053491f>] do page fault+0x466/0x928</ffffffff8053491f>	401	
10	179	
[<ffffffff802a6200>] sys_mprotect+0xcd/0x21d</ffffffff802a6200>	110	
11 &mm->mmap_sem	279	
[<ffffffff80210a57>] sys_mmap+0x75/0xce</ffffffff80210a57>		
12 &mm->mmap_sem	76	
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	sys_munmap+0x32/0x59			
13 14 [<fffffff80210a57>]</fffffff80210a57>	&mm->mmap_sem	270		
15	&mm->mmap_sem do_page_fault+0x466/0x928	431		
16	&mm->mmap_sem sys munmap+0x32/0x59	138		
17 [<fffffff802a6200>] 18</fffffff802a6200>	&mm->mmap_sem sys_mprotect+0xcd/0x21d	145		
19				
20 21 0. 52 118. 2 0. 29 316. 29	dcache_lock: 26	621	91930	623
22 23 [/::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	dcache_lock	179		
24 [<ffffffff802cc17b>]</ffffffff802cc17b>	_atomic_dec_and_lock+0x34/0x54 dcache_lock	113		
25 [<ffffffff802ca0dc>]</ffffffff802ca0dc>	dcache_lock	99		
26	d_renash+0x10/0x44 dcache_lock d_instantiate+0x36/0x8a	104		
28	dcache_lock atomic dec and lock+0x34/0x54	192		
29	dcache_lock	98		
[<fffffff802ca0dc>] 30 [<fffffff802ca0dc>]</fffffff802ca0dc></fffffff802ca0dc>	_ dcache_lock	72		
[<ffffffff802cc17b>] 31 [<ffffffff802cbca0>]</ffffffff802cbca0></ffffffff802cc17b>	d_alloc+0x19a/0x1eb dcache_lock d_instantiate+0x36/0x8a	112		

This excerpt shows the first two lock class statistics. Line 01 shows the output version — each time the format changes this will be updated. Line 02-04 show the header with column descriptions. Lines 05-18 and 20-31 show the actual statistics. These statistics come in two parts; the actual stats separated by a short separator (line 08, 13) from the contention points.

The first lock (05-18) is a read/write lock, and shows two lines above the short separator. The contention points don't match the column descriptors, they have two: contentions and $[\langle IP \rangle]$ symbol. The second set of contention points are the points we're contending with.

The integer part of the time values is in us.

View the top contending locks:

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# grep : /proc/lock_stat | head
&inode->i_data.tree_lock-W: 15 21657
0.18 1093295.30 11547131054.85 58 10415 0.16
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87. 51		6387. 60					
	&inod	e->i_data.tree_lock-R:		0		0	
0.00	0.00	0.00	23302		231198		0.25
8. 45		98023. 38					
		dcache_lock:		1037		1161	
0.38	45. 32		6611		243371		0.15
306. 48		77387. 24					
		&inode->i_mutex:		161		286	
18446744073709		62882. 54 1244614.		36	353	2059	8
18446744073709	9	62318. 60 1693822.	74				
		&zone->1ru_lock:		94		94	
0. 53		92. 10	4366		32690		0.29
59.81		16350.06					
		e->i_data.i_mmap_lock:		79		79	
0.40		53. 03	11779		87755		0.28
116. 93		29898. 44					
		&q \rightarrow queue_lock:		48		50	
0. 52		86. 31	774		13131		0.17
113. 08		12277. 52					
		$rq-rq_lock_key$:		43		47	
0.74		170. 63	3706		33929		0.22
107. 99		17460. 62		2.0			
		&rq->rq_lock_key#2:	00-0	39		46	
0.75	6.68		2979		32292		0.17
125. 17		17137. 63					
	.	tasklist_lock-W:	1001	15		15	
1. 45	10.87		1201		7390		0.58
62. 55		13648. 47					

Clear the statistics:

[#] echo $0 > proc/lock_stat$