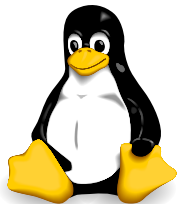


Contributing to the Linux Kernel

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Goals

- Introduce you to what it's like to work on a production operating system
- Shed some light on how Linux in particular is developed
- Give you a starting point if you're interested in working on Linux

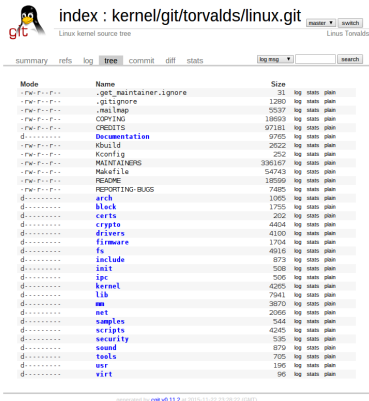
What is Linux?

- Operating system kernel written by Linus Torvalds, first released in 1991
- Free and open source (GNU GPLv2)
- General-purpose
 - Desktops, servers, smartphones, embedded systems
 - x86, ARM, MIPS, ...



What is Linux? (cont.)

- Huge software engineering endeavor
- For 4.3:
 - Over 50,000 files
 - Almost 20,000,000 lines of code
 - About 1600 developers and 200 companies



The screenshot shows the GitHub index page for the Linux kernel source tree. At the top, there is a header with the GitHub logo, the text "index : kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git", and a search bar. Below the header, there are navigation tabs for "summary", "refs", "log", "tree" (which is selected), "commits", "diff", and "stats". A "log msg" dropdown and a "search" button are also present. The main content is a table listing files and directories in the source tree, with columns for "Mode", "Name", "Size", and "log stats plain".

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-rw-r--r--	Kconfig	252	log stats plain
-rw-r--r--	MAINTAINERS	336167	log stats plain
-rw-r--r--	Makefile	54743	log stats plain
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-rw-r--r--	REPORTING-BUGS	7485	log stats plain
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d-----	firmware	1704	log stats plain
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d-----	init	508	log stats plain
d-----	ipc	506	log stats plain
d-----	kernel	4265	log stats plain
d-----	lib	7941	log stats plain
d-----	net	3870	log stats plain
d-----	net	2066	log stats plain
d-----	samples	544	log stats plain
d-----	scripts	4245	log stats plain
d-----	security	535	log stats plain
d-----	sound	870	log stats plain
d-----	tools	705	log stats plain
d-----	usr	196	log stats plain
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Requisites for Working on the Kernel

- 1 Technical knowledge
- 2 Familiarity with the development process
- 3 Motivation

Technical Requirements

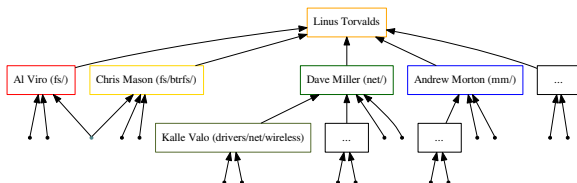
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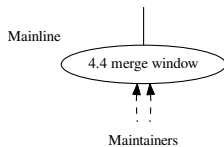
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- Optional
 - Specific domain knowledge, e.g., filesystems, schedulers, memory management
 - Scripting, working with VMs

Development Process: Maintainers

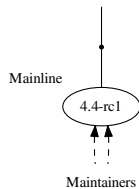
- Kernel source tree divided into subsystems with different maintainers, submaintainers



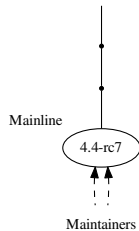
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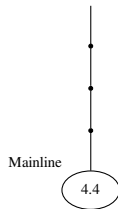
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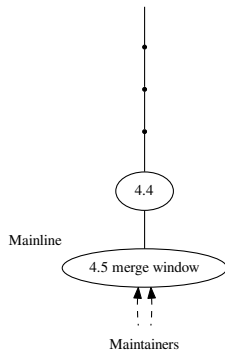
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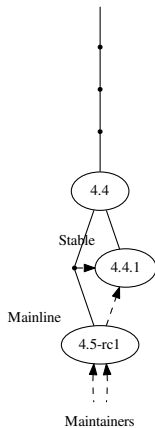
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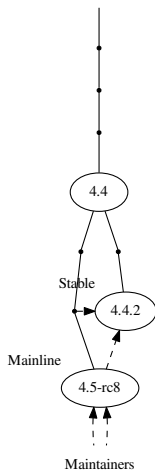
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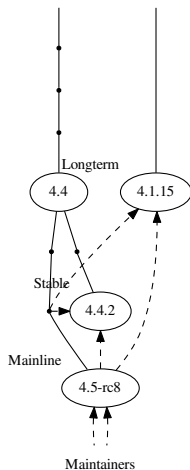
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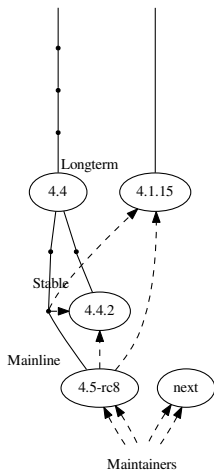
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■ Next

- Stephen Rothwell's `linux-next` tree
- Integration tree combining everything maintainers have in their own trees for the next merge window

Motivation

- Can't really help you with this one



Finding Something to Work On

- Decide on a few specific subsystems
- Code cleanup (coding style, whitespace)
- Follow the mailing lists
- Try the release candidates
- Reproduce bugs



Case Study

```
[osandov@pink ~/Dropbox/Homework/CSE551/551ws master]
$ ag sendfile
EPR: error in pthread_setaffinity_np(): Invalid argument
[osandov@pink ~/Dropbox/Homework/CSE551/551ws master]
$ █
```

Case Study

```
PTHREAD_SETAFFINITY_NP(3)                Linux Programmer's Manual                PTHREAD_SETAFFINITY_NP(3)
```

NAME
pthread_setaffinity_np, pthread_getaffinity_np - set/get CPU affinity of a thread

SYNOPSIS

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE                /* See feature_test_macros(7) */
#include <pthread.h>

int pthread_setaffinity_np(pthread_t thread, size_t cpusetsize,
                           const cpu_set_t *cpuset);
int pthread_getaffinity_np(pthread_t thread, size_t cpusetsize,
                           cpu_set_t *cpuset);
```

Compile and link with `-pthread`.

DESCRIPTION

The `pthread_setaffinity_np()` function sets the CPU affinity mask of the thread `thread` to the CPU set pointed to by `cpuset`. If the call is successful, and the thread is not currently running on one of the CPUs in `cpuset`, then it is migrated to one of those CPUs.

The `pthread_getaffinity_np()` function returns the CPU affinity mask of the thread `thread` in the buffer pointed to by `cpuset`.

For more details on CPU affinity masks, see `sched_setaffinity(2)`. For a description of a set of macros that can be used to manipulate and inspect CPU sets, see `CPU_SET(3)`.

The argument `cpusetsize` is the length (in bytes) of the buffer pointed to by `cpuset`. Typically, this argument would be specified as `sizeof(cpu_set_t)`. (It may be some other value, if using the macros described in `CPU_SET(3)` for dynamically allocating a CPU set.)

RETURN VALUE
On success, these functions return 0; on error, they return a nonzero error number.

ERRORS

EFAULT A supplied memory address was invalid.

EINVAL (`pthread_setaffinity_np()`) The affinity bit mask `mask` contains no processors that are currently physically on the system and permitted to the thread according to any restrictions that may be imposed by the 'cpuset' mechanism described in `cpuset(7)`.

EINVAL (`pthread_setaffinity_np()`) `cpuset` specified a CPU that was outside the set supported by the kernel. (The kernel configuration option `CONFIG_NR_CPUS` defines the range of the set supported by the kernel data type used to represent CPU sets.)

Manual page pthread_setaffinity_np(3) line 1/132 39% (press h for help or q to quit)

Case Study

```
21     free(opts.query);
20     opts.query = word_regexp_query;
19     opts.query_len = strlen(opts.query);
18     }
17     compile_study(&opts.re, &opts.re_extra, opts.query, pcre_opts, study_opts);
16 }
15
14 if (opts.search_stream) {
13     search_stream(stdin, "");
12 } else {
11     for (i = 0; i < workers_len; i++) {
10         workers[i].id = i;
9         int rv = pthread_create(&(workers[i].thread), NULL, &search_file_worker, &(workers[i].id));
8         if (rv != 0) {
7             die("error in pthread_create(): %s", strerror(rv));
6         }
5 #if defined(HAVE_PTHREAD_SETAFFINITY_NP) && defined(USE_CPU_SET)
4         if (opts.use_thread_affinity) {
3             cpu_set_t cpu_set;
2             CPU_ZERO(&cpu_set);
1             CPU_SET(i % num_cores, &cpu_set);
144         rv = pthread_setaffinity_np(workers[i].thread, sizeof(cpu_set), &cpu_set);
1             if (rv != 0) {
2                 die("error in pthread_setaffinity_np(): %s", strerror(rv));
3             }
4             log_debug("Thread %i set to CPU %i", i, i);
5         } else {
6             log_debug("Thread affinity disabled.");
7         }
8     } else
9         log_debug("No CPU affinity support.");
10 #endif
11 }
12 for (i = 0; paths[i] != NULL; i++) {
13     log_debug("searching path %s for %s", paths[i], opts.query);
14     symhash = NULL;
15     ignores *ig = init_ignore(root_ignores, "", 0);
16     struct stat s = {st_dev = 0};
17 #ifndef _WIN32
18     /* The device is ignored if opts.one_dev is false, so it's fine
19      * to leave it at the default 0
20      */
21     if (opts.one_dev && lstat(paths[i], &s) == -1) {
22         log_err("Failed to get device information for path %s. Skipping...", paths[i]);
```

Case Study

```
[osandov@new ~/linux/linux.git]
|$ git bisect start v4.1-rc1 v4.0
Bisecting: 5576 revisions left to test after this (roughly 13 steps)
[6c373ca89399c5a3f7ef210ad8f63dc3437da345] Merge git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/davem/net-next
[osandov@new ~/linux/linux.git]
|$ git bisect run ~/Dropbox/linux/bugs/affinity-einval/bisect.sh >/dev/null 2>&1
[osandov@new ~/linux/linux.git]
|$ git bisect log
# bad: [b787f68c36d49bb1d9236f403813641efa74a031] Linux 4.1-rc1
# good: [39a8804455fb23f09157341d3ba7db5d67ae6ee76] Linux 4.0
git bisect start 'v4.1-rc1' 'v4.0'
# bad: [6c373ca89399c5a3f7ef210ad8f63dc3437da345] Merge git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/davem/net-next
git bisect bad 6c373ca89399c5a3f7ef210ad8f63dc3437da345
# bad: [e95e7f627062be5e6ce971ce873e6234c91ffc50] Merge branch 'timers-nohz-for-linux' of git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/g
it/tip/tip
git bisect bad e95e7f627062be5e6ce971ce873e6234c91ffc50
# bad: [c4be50eeeb2d4d50e0f0ca58776f685c08de69c3] Merge tag 'driver-core-4.1-rc1' of git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/gr
egkh/driver-core
git bisect bad c4be50eeeb2d4d50e0f0ca58776f685c08de69c3
# bad: [1a370f4cd95e056d55ef5bf1a163880e70195e59] Merge tag 'edac_for_4.1' of git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/bp/bp
git bisect bad 1a370f4cd95e056d55ef5bf1a163880e70195e59
# bad: [7fd56474db326f7a6df0e2a4e3a9600c083ab5b] Merge branch 'timers-core-for-linux' of git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/g
it/tip/tip
git bisect bad 7fd56474db326f7a6df0e2a4e3a9600c083ab9b
# good: [900360131066f192c82311a098d03d6ac6429e20] Merge tag 'for-linux' of git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/virt/kvm/kvm
git bisect good 900360131066f192c82311a098d03d6ac6429e20
# good: [979081e7440056da28b19e57acff20098caf49103] ACPI/PAD: Use explicit broadcast control function
git bisect good 979081e7440056da28b19e57acff20098caf49103
# bad: [62a935b256f68a71697716595347209fb5275426] sched/core: Drop debugging leftover trace_printk call
git bisect bad 62a935b256f68a71697716595347209fb5275426
# good: [b5b4860d1d1ddc5308c7d492cbeaa3a6e508d7f] sched: Make scale_rt invariant with frequency
git bisect good b5b4860d1d1ddc5308c7d492cbeaa3a6e508d7f
# good: [dfbca41f347997e57048a53755611c8e2d792924] sched: Optimize freq invariant accounting
git bisect good dfbca41f347997e57048a53755611c8e2d792924
# good: [07c54f7a7f177bb47bae29e5669699c4b6fb0c6] sched/core: Remove unused argument from init_rt[dl][r]q()
git bisect good 07c54f7a7f177bb47bae29e5669699c4b6fb0c6
# bad: [3c18d447b3b36a8d3c90c37dfbd363cd685d0a] sched/core: Check for available DL bandwidth in cpuset_cpu_inactive()
git bisect bad 3c18d447b3b36a8d3c90c37dfbd363cd685d0a
# good: [4cd5f97135840f63743192380c8da3edbe44ed] sched/deadline: Always enqueue on previous rq when dl_task_timer() fires
git bisect good 4cd5f97135840f63743192380c8da3edbe44ed
# first bad commit: [3c18d447b3b36a8d3c90c37dfbd363cd685d0a] sched/core: Check for available DL bandwidth in cpuset_cpu_inactive()
[osandov@new ~/linux/linux.git]
|$
```

Case Study

commit 3c18d447b3b36a8d3c90dc37dfbd363c6db685d0a

Author: Juri Lelli <juri.elli@arm.com>

Date: Tue Mar 31 09:53:37 2015 +0100

sched/core: Check for available DL bandwidth in cpuset_cpu_inactive()

Hotplug operations are destructive w.r.t. cpusets. In case such an operation is performed on a CPU belonging to an exclusive cpuset, the DL bandwidth information associated with the corresponding root domain is gone even if the operation fails (in sched_cpu_inactive()).

For this reason we need to move the check we currently have in sched_cpu_inactive() to cpuset_cpu_inactive() to prevent useless cpusets reconfiguration in the CPU_DOWN_FAILED path.

Signed-off-by: Juri Lelli <juri.elli@arm.com>

Signed-off-by: Peter Zijlstra (Intel) <peterz@infradead.org>

Cc: Juri Lelli <juri.elli@gmail.com>

Link: <http://lkml.kernel.org/r/1427792017-7356-2-git-send-email-juri.elli@arm.com>

Signed-off-by: Ingo Molnar <mingo@kernel.org>

diff --git a/kernel/sched/core.c b/kernel/sched/core.c

index 4c49e75ca24d..28b0d75a8273 100644

--- a/kernel/sched/core.c

+++ b/kernel/sched/core.c

```
@@ -5337,36 +5337,13 @@ static int sched_cpu_active(struct notifier_block *nfb,
 static int sched_cpu_inactive(struct notifier_block *nfb,
                                unsigned long action, void *hcpu)
```

```
{
-     unsigned long flags;
-     long hcpu = (long)hcpu;
-     struct dl_bw *dl_b;
-
-     switch (action & ~CPU_TASKS_FROZEN) {
-     case CPU_DOWN_PREPARE:
-         set_cpu_active(cpu, false);
-
-         /* explicitly allow suspend */
-         if (!(action & CPU_TASKS_FROZEN)) {
-             bool overflow;
-             int cpus;
-
-             rcu_read_lock_sched();
-             dl_b = dl_bw_of(cpu);
-         }
-     }
- }
```

Case Study

```
static int __init migration_init(void)
@@ -7006,7 +6983,6 @@ static int cpuset_cpu_active(struct notifier_block *nfb, unsigned long action,
    */
    case CPU_ONLINE:
-   case CPU_DOWN_FAILED:
        cpuset_update_active_cpus(true);
        break;
    default:
@@ -7018,8 +6994,32 @@ static int cpuset_cpu_active(struct notifier_block *nfb, unsigned long action,
static int cpuset_cpu_inactive(struct notifier_block *nfb, unsigned long action,
                               void *hcpu)
{
-   switch (action) {
+   unsigned long flags;
+   long cpu = (long)hcpu;
+   struct dl_bw *dl_b;
+
+   switch (action & ~CPU_TASKS_FROZEN) {
+   case CPU_DOWN_PREPARE:
+       /* explicitly allow suspend */
+       if (!(action & CPU_TASKS_FROZEN)) {
+           bool overflow;
+           int cpus;
+
+           rcu_read_lock_sched();
+           dl_b = dl_bw_of(cpu);
+
+           raw_spin_lock_irqsave(&dl_b->lock, flags);
+           cpus = dl_bw_cpus(cpu);
+           overflow = __dl_overflow(dl_b, cpus, 0, 0);
+           raw_spin_unlock_irqrestore(&dl_b->lock, flags);
+
+           rcu_read_unlock_sched();
+
+           if (overflow) {
+               trace_printk("hotplug failed for cpu %lu", cpu);
+               return notifier_from_errno(-EBUSY);
+           }
+       }
+       cpuset_update_active_cpus(false);
+       break;
+   case CPU_DOWN_PREPARE_FROZEN:

```

(END)

Case Study

```
l:Exit  -:PrevPg <Space>:NextPg v:View Attachm. r:Reply <Right>:Next ? :Help
Date: Mon, 4 May 2015 03:09:36 -0700
From: Omar Sandoval <osandov@osandov.com>
To: Ingo Molnar <mingo@redhat.com>, Peter Zijlstra <peterz@infradead.org>, Juri Lelli <juri.elligarm.com>,
    Linux-kernel@vger.kernel.org
Cc: Omar Sandoval <osandov@osandov.com>
Subject: [PATCH] sched/core: fix regression in cpuset_cpu_inactive for suspend
X-Mailer: git-send-email 2.3.7

Commit 3c18d447b3b3 ("sched/core: Check for available DL bandwidth in
cpuset_cpu_inactive()"), a SCHED_DEADLINE bugfix, had a logic error that
caused a regression in setting a CPU inactive during suspend. I ran into
this when a program was failing pthread_setaffinity_np() with EINVAL after
a suspend+wake up. A simple reproducer:

$ ./a.out
sched_setaffinity: Success
$ systemctl suspend
[wake up from suspend]
$ ./a.out
sched_setaffinity: Invalid argument

where ./a.out is:

#define _GNU_SOURCE
#include <errno.h>
#include <sched.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(void)
{
    long num_cores;
    cpu_set_t cpu_set;
    int ret;

    num_cores = sysconf(_SC_NPROCESSORS_ONLN);
    CPU_ZERO(&cpu_set);
    CPU_SET(num_cores - 1, &cpu_set);
    errno = 0;
    ret = sched_setaffinity(getpid(), sizeof(cpu_set), &cpu_set);

```

F: 29/99: Omar Sandoval [PATCH] sched/core: fix regression in cpuset_cpu_inactive for suspend -- (37%)

Case Study

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l:Exit  -:PrevPg <Space>:NextPg v:View Attachm. r:Reply <Right>:Next ? :Help
#include <errno.h>
#include <sched.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(void)
{
    long num_cores;
    cpu_set_t cpu_set;
    int ret;

    num_cores = sysconf(_SC_NPROCESSORS_ONLN);
    CPU_ZERO(&cpu_set);
    CPU_SET(num_cores - 1, &cpu_set);
    errno = 0;
    ret = sched_setaffinity(getpid(), sizeof(cpu_set), &cpu_set);
    perror("sched_setaffinity");
    return ret ? EXIT_FAILURE : EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

The mistake is that suspend is handled in the action ==
CPU_DOWN_PREPARE_FROZEN case of the switch statement in
cpuset_cpu_inactive. However, the commit in question masked out
CPU_TASKS_FROZEN from the action, making this case dead. The fix is
straightforward.

Fixes: 3c18d447b3b3 ("sched/core: Check for available DL bandwidth in
cpuset_cpu_inactive()")

Signed-off-by: Omar Sandoval <osandov@osandov.com>
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This applies to v4.1-rc2.

I'm not familiar with this part of the kernel at all, but this seems
Right (TM). If it isn't, consider this a bug report-plus.

Thanks!

kernel/sched/core.c | 28 ++++++-----
1 file changed, 12 insertions(+), 16 deletions(-)
P: 29/99: Omar Sandoval [PATCH] sched/core: fix regression in cpuset_cpu_inactive for suspend -- (61%)
```


Case Study

```
! :Exit  :;PrevPg <Space>;NextPg v;View Attachm.  r;Reply <Right>;Next ?;Help
diff --git a/kernel/sched/core.c b/kernel/sched/core.c
index fe22f7510bce..ecf05bf39525 100644
--- a/kernel/sched/core.c
+++ b/kernel/sched/core.c
@@ -6997,27 +6997,23 @@ static int cpuset_cpu_inactive(struct notifier_block *nfb, unsigned long action,
    unsigned long flags;
    long cpu = (long)hcpu;
    struct dl_bw *dl_b;
+   bool overflow;
+   int cpus;

-   switch (action & ~CPU_TASKS_FROZEN) {
+   switch (action) {
    case CPU_DOWN_PREPARE:
        /* explicitly allow suspend */
        if (!(action & CPU_TASKS_FROZEN)) {
            bool overflow;
            int cpus;

            rcu_read_lock_sched();
            dl_b = dl_bw_of(cpu);
+           rcu_read_lock_sched();
+           dl_b = dl_bw_of(cpu);

            raw_spin_lock_irqsave(&dl_b->lock, flags);
            cpus = dl_bw_cpus(cpu);
            overflow = __dl_overflow(dl_b, cpus, 0, 0);
            raw_spin_unlock_irqrestore(&dl_b->lock, flags);
+           raw_spin_lock_irqsave(&dl_b->lock, flags);
+           cpus = dl_bw_cpus(cpu);
+           overflow = __dl_overflow(dl_b, cpus, 0, 0);
+           raw_spin_unlock_irqrestore(&dl_b->lock, flags);

            rcu_read_unlock_sched();
            rcu_read_unlock_sched();

            if (overflow)
                return notifier_from_errno(-EBUSY);
        }
        if (overflow)
            return notifier_from_errno(-EBUSY);
        cpuset_update_active_cpus(false);
    }
}

F: 29/99: Omar Sandoval [PATCH] sched/core: fix regression in cpuset_cpu_inactive for suspend -- (98%)
```

Case Study

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!:_Exit _:PrevPg <Space>:NextPg v:View Attachm. r:Reply <Right>:Next ? :Help
Date: Fri, 15 May 2015 09:19:31 +0200
From: Ingo Molnar <mingo@kernel.org>
To: Linus Torvalds <torvalds@linux-foundation.org>
Cc: linux-kernel@vger.kernel.org, Peter Zijlstra <a.p.zijlstra@chello.nl>, Thomas Gleixner <tglx@linutronix.de>, Andrew Morton
    <akpm@linux-foundation.org>
Subject: [GIT PULL] scheduler fixes
User-Agent: Mutt/1.5.23 (2014-03-12)

Linus,

Please pull the latest sched-urgent-for-linus git tree from:

    git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/tip/tip.git sched-urgent-for-linus

    # HEAD: 533445c6e53368569e50ab3fb712230c03d523f3 sched/core: Fix regression in cpuset_cpu_inactive() for suspend

Two fixes: a suspend/resume related regression fix, and an RT priority
boosting fix.

Thanks,

    Ingo

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Omar Sandoval (1):
    sched/core: Fix regression in cpuset_cpu_inactive() for suspend

Thomas Gleixner (1):
    sched: Handle priority boosted tasks proper in setscheduler()

include/linux/sched/rt.h | 7 +++++
kernel/locking/rtmutex.c | 12 ++++++
kernel/sched/core.c      | 54 ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
3 files changed, 37 insertions(+), 36 deletions(-)

diff --git a/include/linux/sched/rt.h b/include/linux/sched/rt.h
index 6341f5be6e24..a30b172df6e1 100644
--- a/include/linux/sched/rt.h
+++ b/include/linux/sched/rt.h
@@ -18,7 +18,7 @@
@@ #ifdef CONFIG_RT_MUTEXES

1 - 11/33: Ingo Molnar [GIT PULL] scheduler fixes -- (19%)
```

Where to Go From Here

- Look at `Documentation/HOWTO`
- Build and install a kernel from scratch
- Watch “Write and Submit your first Linux kernel Patch” on YouTube
- Take the Eudryptula Challenge
- Read LWN.net
- Email me at osandov@osandov.com