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memcg developments for Android

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News

cgroup v1 controllers are currently being deprecated upstream

- memcg: <https://lore.kernel.org/all/20240814220021.3208384-1-shakeel.butt@linux.dev/> (deprecated)
- cpuset: <https://lore.kernel.org/all/20240827062111.580296-1-chenridong@huawei.com/> (v1/v2 code split)

Plan:

Configure in support for both memcg v1 and v2 in Android 16 (2025)

Remove support for memcg v1 in Android 17 (2026)

Other controllers (blkio, cpu, cpuset): WIP

- Historically, performance regressions associated with switch to v2 based on how Android uses them.
- Some ideas for how to address, but no code yet.



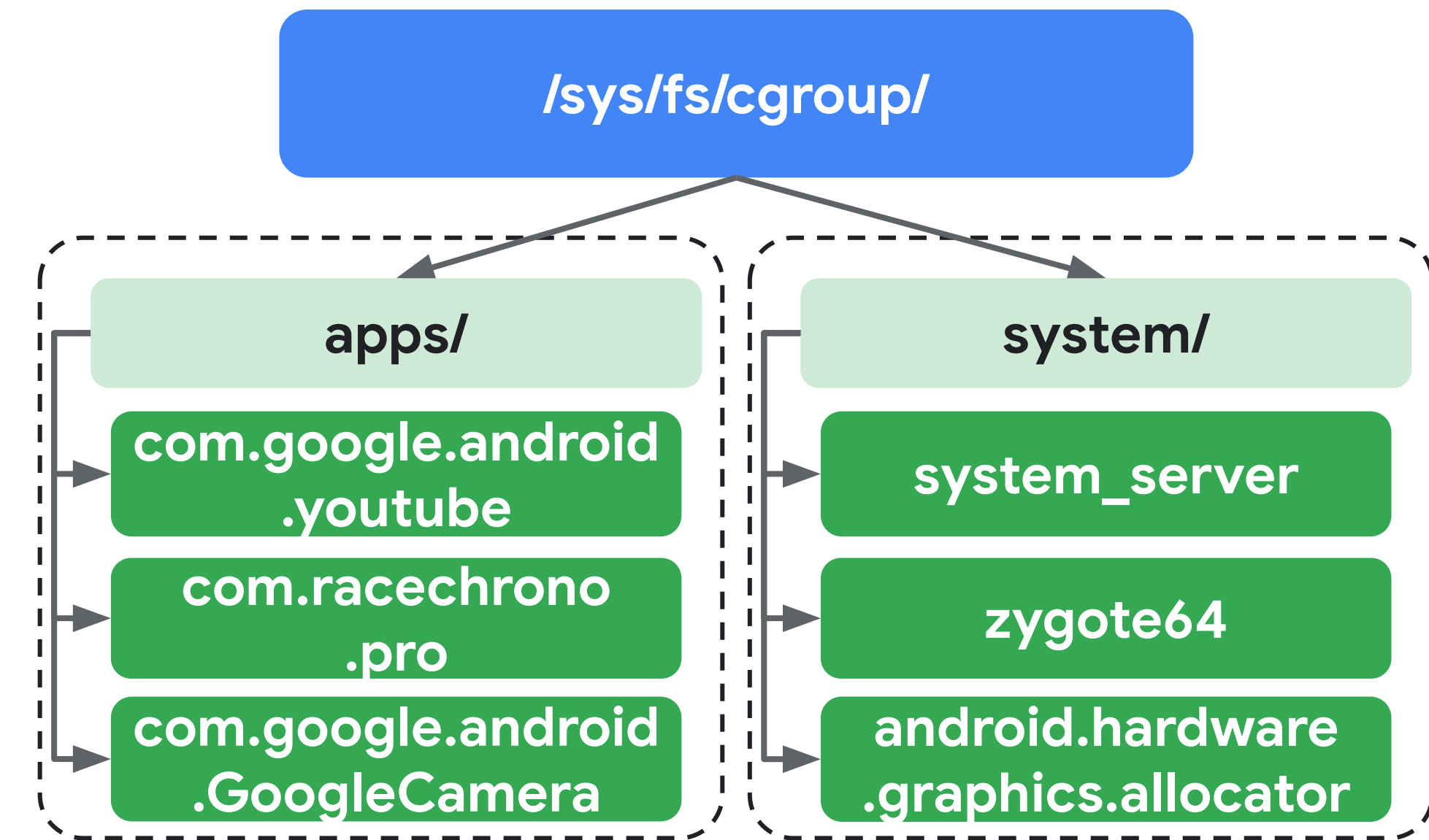
memcg v2 updates (Android 15)

Android 15 supports memcg v2

- Opt-in required for Android 15:
`PRODUCT_MEMCG_V2_FORCE_ENABLED := true`
- Or use vendor cgroups.json

Android 15 supports system / application cgroup v2 hierarchy split

- Opt-in required for Android 15:
`PRODUCT_CGROUP_V2_SYS_APP_ISOLATION_ENABLED := true`
- Cgroup controls can be applied at the apps and system level
- Currently based only on package UID, more to come.



memcg v2 updates (Android 16)

Android 16 supports memcg v2 activation depth control

- Add "MaxActivationDepth" key to cgroups.json
<https://r.android.com/3114673>
- Reduce overhead associated with number of memcgs

Likely that the default will change from v1 to v2 in Android 16

- Possible to opt-out to v1, but only temporary until Android 17
(Allow vendors more time to prepare for v2 transition, if necessary)
- Still possible to turn off memcg entirely (`cgroup_disable=memory`)



memcg v2 issues

- Kernel reports incorrect number of v2 cgroup controllers
<https://lore.kernel.org/all/20240528163713.2024887-1-tjmercier@google.com/>

I would prefer to have a single global count at the root.
Does anybody actually want it in each cgroup?

- Any other desired features?

