

Use cases	1. Shared guest faults	2. Private guest faults	3. Don't check for mismatches within KVM?	4. Validate shareability in kvm_gmem_get_pfn?	5. Validate shareability on userspace fault?	6. Need to track shareability?
Legacy case: guest_memfd only used for private pages, other memory type (e.g. shmem) used for shared pages	Via userspace_addr	Via kvm_gmem_get_pfn	Must check (guest_memfd won't have shareability to check against)	No need, since guest_memfd is only used for private memory.	No need, since guest_memfd is not used for shared memory.	No
pKVM	Via kvm_gmem_get_pfn	Via kvm_gmem_get_pfn	Don't check	Can't, no concept of private or shared faults	== ALL	Yes
Option 1 for using guest_memfd for coco VMs: for both private and shared pages - guest always faults via kvm_gmem_get_pfn	Via kvm_gmem_get_pfn	Via kvm_gmem_get_pfn	Don't check	== ALL or == GUEST depending on fault->is_private	== ALL	Yes
Option 2 for using guest_memfd for coco VMs: for both private and shared pages - guest services private faults via kvm_gmem_get_pfn and shared faults via userspace_addr	Via userspace_addr	Via kvm_gmem_get_pfn	Don't check	== GUEST IOW, validate against fault->is_private (validation should always pass since in this setup where ALWAYS_FAULT_FROM_GMEM is false, only private faults go to kvm_gmem_get_pfn)	== ALL	Yes
gmem used for non-coco VMs, remove from direct map, enable mmap (?) IOW, “all shared mode”, but guest always fault in using get_pfn (Patrick)	Via kvm_gmem_get_pfn	Via kvm_gmem_get_pfn	Don't check	No need, since there is no concept of shared vs private in non-coco VMs	No need, since there is no concept of shared vs private in non-coco VMs	No
gmem used for non-coco VMs,	Via userspace_addr	Via userspace_addr	Don't check	No need, since there is no concept	No need, since there is no concept	No

remove from direct map, enable mmap (Nikita)				of shared vs private in non-coco VMs	of shared vs private in non-coco VMs	
Proposal: flags	Memslot flag: ALWAYS_FAULT_FROM_GMEM (default false)	Memslot flag: DONT_CHECK_MISMATCHES (default false, IOW, will check by default)	No flag. Validate if TRACK_SHAREABILITY is set. For pKVM, call another guest_memfd function like kvm_gmem_get_pfn_no_validate()	guest_memfd flag: TRACK_SHAREABILITY If this flag is set, guest_memfd will <ul style="list-style-type: none">Initialize the shareability xarrayPerform conversions		

How do I read this table?

- “Use cases” column lists how guest_memfd might be used by different users
- Using the legacy case as an example, guest_memfd did not support in-place sharing/mmap before, so previously, guest_memfd was only used for private memory, and some other memory type had to be used for shared memory
 - Column 1: Hence shared guest faults would use memory via slot->userspace_addr
 - Column 2: Private guest faults go via kvm_gmem_get_pfn()
 - Column 3: “Mismatches” means when the fault is private, but kvm->mem_attr_array says the page is shared. In this case, KVM exits to userspace for userspace VMM to handle the mismatch. This is generally used for implicit conversions where the guest doesn't request a conversion before accessing the page.
 - Proposal here is to skip checking within KVM, since if guest_memfd is validating shareability, if fault->private doesn't match shareability status, KVM will get -EACCES from guest_memfd and will exit to userspace with KVM_EXIT_MEMORY_FAULT anyway.
 - In the legacy case, KVM must continue to check for mismatches and exit to userspace
 - Column 4: Proposal here is to validate shareability by changing kvm_gmem_get_pfn() to pass in fault->private. guest_memfd will check that
 - If fault->private, shareability must be GUEST, if !fault->private, shareability must be ALL
 - In the legacy case, there's no need to validate shareability since guest_memfd is only used for private memory
 - Column 5: Whether to validate that shareability is ALL on userspace fault (in kvm_gmem_fault())

Summary of proposed flags

- ALWAYS_FAULT_FROM_GMEM: guest faults are always serviced via kvm_gmem_get_pfn()
 - Default: false, i.e. shared guest faults will be serviced via slot->userspace_addr and private guest faults will use kvm_gmem_get_pfn()
 - If this flag is set, userspace_addr is assumed to be set up such that whether slot->userspace_addr or kvm_gmem_get_pfn() is used, the same physical page is used to service the fault.
- DONT_CHECK_MISMATCHES: KVM will not exit to userspace for userspace VMM to handle the mismatch and will instead defer to validation (if any) in guest_memfd to determine whether to exit to userspace with KVM_EXIT_MEMORY_FAULT
- TRACK_SHAREABILITY: KVM will initialize shareability xarray and perform conversions