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NAME

podman-update - Updates the cgroup configuration of a given container

SYNOPSIS

podman update [options] container

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DESCRIPTION

Updates the cgroup configuration of an already existing container. The currently supported options are a subset of the podman create/run re? source limits options. These new options are non-persistent and only last for the current execution of the container; the configuration will be honored on its next run. This means that this command can only be executed on an already running container and the changes made will be erased the next time the container is stopped and restarted, this is to ensure immutability. This command takes one argument, a container name or ID, alongside the resource flags to modify the cgroup.

OPTIONS

--blkio-weight=weight

Block IO relative weight. The weight is a value between 10 and 1000.

This option is not supported on cgroups V1 rootless systems.

--blkio-weight-device=device:weight

Block IO relative device weight.

--cpu-period=limit

Set the CPU period for the Completely Fair Scheduler (CFS), which is a duration in microseconds. Once the container's CPU quota is used up, it will not be scheduled to run until the current period ends. Defaults to 100000 microseconds.

On some systems, changing the resource limits may not be allowed for non-root users. For more details, see <https://github.com/containers/podman/blob/main/troubleshooting.md#26-running-containers-with-resource-limits-fails-with-a-permissions-error>

This option is not supported on cgroups V1 rootless systems.

--cpu-quota=limit

Limit the CPU Completely Fair Scheduler (CFS) quota.

Limit the container's CPU usage. By default, containers run with the full CPU resource. The limit is a number in microseconds. If a number is provided, the container will be allowed to use that much CPU time until the CPU period ends (controllable via **--cpu-period**).

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--cpu-rt-period=microseconds

Limit the CPU real-time period in microseconds.

Limit the container's Real Time CPU usage. This option tells the kernel to restrict the container's Real Time CPU usage to the period specified.

This option is only supported on cgroups V1 rootful systems.

--cpu-rt-runtime=microseconds

Limit the CPU real-time runtime in microseconds.

Limit the container's Real Time CPU usage. This option tells the kernel to limit the amount of time in a given CPU period Real Time tasks may consume. Ex: Period of 1,000,000us and Runtime of 950,000us means that this container could consume 95% of available CPU and leave the remaining 5% to normal priority tasks.

The sum of all runtimes across containers cannot exceed the amount allotted to the parent cgroup.

This option is only supported on cgroups V1 rootful systems.

--cpu-shares, -c=shares

CPU shares (relative weight).

By default, all containers get the same proportion of CPU cycles. This proportion can be modified by changing the container's CPU share weighting relative to the combined weight of all the running containers. Default weight is 1024.

The proportion will only apply when CPU-intensive processes are running. When tasks in one container are idle, other containers can use the left-over CPU time. The actual amount of CPU time will vary depending on the number of containers running on the system.

For example, consider three containers, one has a cpu-share of 1024 and two others have a cpu-share setting of 512. When processes in all three containers attempt to use 100% of CPU, the first container would receive 50% of the total CPU time. If a fourth container is added with a cpu-share of 1024, the first container only gets 33% of the CPU. The remaining containers receive 16.5%, 16.5% and 33% of the CPU.

On a multi-core system, the shares of CPU time are distributed over all CPU cores. Even if a container is limited to less than 100% of CPU time, it can use 100% of each individual CPU core.

For example, consider a system with more than three cores. If the container C0 is started with --cpu-shares=512 running one process, and another container C1 with --cpu-shares=1024 running two processes, this can result in the following division of CPU shares:

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?PID ? container ? CPU ? CPU share ?

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?100 ? C0 ? 0 ? 100% of CPU0 ?

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?101 ? C1 ? 1 ? 100% of CPU1 ?

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?102 ? C1 ? 2 ? 100% of CPU2 ?

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--cpus=number

Number of CPUs. The default is 0.0 which means no limit. This is shorthand for --cpu-period and --cpu-quota, therefore the option cannot be specified with --cpu-period or --cpu-quota.

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--cpuset-cpus=number

CPUs in which to allow execution. Can be specified as a comma-separated list (e.g. 0,1), as a range (e.g. 0-3), or any combination thereof (e.g. 0-3,7,11-15).

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--cpuset-mems=nodes

Memory nodes (MEMs) in which to allow execution (0-3, 0,1). Only effective on NUMA systems.

If there are four memory nodes on the system (0-3), use --cpuset-mems=0,1 then processes in the container will only use memory from the first two memory nodes.

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This option is not supported on cgroups V1 rootless systems.

--device-read-bps=path:rate

Limit read rate (in bytes per second) from a device (e.g. --device-read-bps=/dev/sda:1mb).

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--device-read-iops=path:rate

Limit read rate (in IO operations per second) from a device (e.g. --device-read-iops=/dev/sda:1000).

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This option is not supported on cgroups V1 rootless systems.

--device-write-bps=path:rate

Limit write rate (in bytes per second) to a device (e.g. --device-write-bps=/dev/sda:1mb).

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Limit write rate (in IO operations per second) to a device (e.g. --device-write-iops=/dev/sda:1000).

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--memory, -m=number[unit]

Memory limit. A unit can be b (bytes), k (kibibytes), m (mebibytes), or g (gibibytes).

Allows the memory available to a container to be constrained. If the host supports swap memory, then the -m memory setting can be larger than physical RAM. If a limit of 0 is specified (not using -m), the container's memory is not limited. The actual limit may be rounded up to a multiple of the operating system's page size (the value would be very large, that's millions of trillions).

This option is not supported on cgroups V1 rootless systems.

--memory-reservation=number[unit]

Memory soft limit. A unit can be b (bytes), k (kibibytes), m (mebibytes), or g (gibibytes).

After setting memory reservation, when the system detects memory contention or low memory, containers are forced to restrict their consumption to their reservation. So always set the value below --memory, otherwise the hard limit will take precedence. By default, memory reservation will be the same as memory limit.

This option is not supported on cgroups V1 rootless systems.

--memory-swap=number[unit]

A limit value equal to memory plus swap. A unit can be b (bytes), k (kibibytes), m (mebibytes), or g (gibibytes).

Must be used with the -m (--memory) flag. The argument value should always be larger than that of

-m (--memory) By default, it is set to double the value of --memory.

Set number to -1 to enable unlimited swap.

This option is not supported on cgroups V1 rootless systems.

--memory-swappiness=number

Tune a container's memory swappiness behavior. Accepts an integer between 0 and 100.

This flag is only supported on cgroups V1 rootful systems.

--pids-limit=limit

Tune the container's pids limit. Set to -1 to have unlimited pids for the container. The default is 2048 on systems that support "pids" cgroup controller.

EXAMPLES

update a container with a new cpu quota and period

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podman update --cpus=5 myCtr
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update a container with all available options for cgroups v2

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podman update --cpus 5 --cpuset-cpus 0 --cpu-shares 123 --cpuset-mems 0 --memory 1G --memory-swap 2G  
--memory-reservation 2G --blkio-weight-device /dev/zero:123 --blkio-weight 123 --device-read-bps /dev/zero:10mb  
--device-write-bps /dev/zero:10mb --device-read-iops /dev/zero:1000 --device-write-iops /dev/zero:1000 --pids-limit 123 ctrlID
```

update a container with all available options for cgroups v1

```
podman update --cpus 5 --cpuset-cpus 0 --cpu-shares 123 --cpuset-mems 0 --memory 1G --memory-swap 2G  
--memory-reservation 2G --memory-swappiness 50 --pids-limit 123 ctrlID
```

SEE ALSO

[podman\(1\)](#), [podman-create\(1\)](#), [podman-run\(1\)](#)

HISTORY

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