

# V4L2 & memory accounting

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# Cgroup memory accounting is limited

- ▶ Most (all?) DMA-ish buffer allocations in Linux isn't tracked through memcg
- ▶ Affects DRM, KMS, dma-buf heaps... and v4l2
  - ... but user pointers buffers and udmabuf
- ▶ A big part of the issue is that you don't really know the allocators you are allocating from when using `dma_alloc_*`
- ▶ .... And some might be from carved-out regions, or allocators outside of Linux control



# dmem cgroup controller

- ▶ dmem has been introduced in 6.14 to account for “device memory”, ie carved-out regions, VRAM, etc.
- ▶ But then, when calling `dma_alloc_*`, you don't know if you would allocate from a memcg or dmem backend
- ▶ Affected by DT, so it can change with a firmware or kernel update



# WiP for DRM

- ▶ TODO List [here](#)
- ▶ TL; DR:
  - Heaps know what allocator they are allocating from, so accounting is easy solvable
  - Devices will expose to userspace the heaps it can accept buffers from
  - Devices or heaps will expose which cgroup they use
- ▶ Plus additional fun, to deal with DRM-specific use cases like VRAM eviction or “proxy” allocations



Does that work for v4l2? Anything else to take into account?

