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Subject: [PATCH] block: blk\_max\_pfn is sometimes wrong  
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There is a small problem in handling page bounce.

At the moment blk\_max\_pfn equals max\_pfn, which is in fact not maximum possible `_number_` of a page frame, but the `_amount_` of page frames. For example for the 32bit x86 node with 4Gb RAM, max\_pfn = 0x100000, but not 0xFFFF.

request\_queue structure has a member `q->bounce_pfn` and queue needs bounce pages for the pages `_above_` this limit. This routine is handled by `blk_queue_bounce()`, where the following check is produced:

```
if (q->bounce_pfn >= blk_max_pfn)
    return;
```

Assume, that a driver has set `q->bounce_pfn` to 0xFFFF, but `blk_max_pfn` equals 0x10000. In such situation the check above fails and for each bio we always fall down for iterating over pages tied to the bio.

I want to notice, that for quite a big range of device drivers (ide, md, ...) such problem doesn't happen because they use `BLK_BOUNCE_ANY` for `bounce_pfn`. `BLK_BOUNCE_ANY` is defined as `blk_max_pfn << PAGE_SHIFT`, and then the check above doesn't fail. But for other drivers, which obtain required value from drivers, it fails. For example `sata_nv` uses `ATA_DMA_MASK` or `dev->dma_mask`.

I propose to use `(max_pfn - 1)` for `blk_max_pfn`. And the same for `blk_max_low_pfn`. The patch also cleanses some checks related with `bounce_pfn`.

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```
--- ./block/ll_rw_blk.c.max_pfn 2007-01-10 03:35:11.000000000 +0300
+++ ./block/ll_rw_blk.c 2007-02-08 14:42:48.000000000 +0300
@@ -1221,7 +1221,7 @@ void blk_recount_segments(request_queue_
    * considered part of another segment, since that might
    * change with the bounce page.
    */
- high = page_to_pfn(bv->bv_page) >= q->bounce_pfn;
+ high = page_to_pfn(bv->bv_page) > q->bounce_pfn;
    if (high || highprv)
        goto new_hw_segment;
```

```

    if (cluster) {
@@ -3658,8 +3658,8 @@ int __init blk_dev_init(void)
    open_softirq(BLOCK_SOFTIRQ, blk_done_softirq, NULL);
    register_hotcpu_notifier(&blk_cpu_notifier);

- blk_max_low_pfn = max_low_pfn;
- blk_max_pfn = max_pfn;
+ blk_max_low_pfn = max_low_pfn - 1;
+ blk_max_pfn = max_pfn - 1;

    return 0;
}
--- ./mm/bounce.c.max_pfn 2006-11-30 00:57:37.000000000 +0300
+++ ./mm/bounce.c 2007-02-08 14:49:35.000000000 +0300
@@ -204,7 +204,7 @@ static void __blk_queue_bounce(request_q
/*
 * is destination page below bounce pfn?
 */
- if (page_to_pfn(page) < q->bounce_pfn)
+ if (page_to_pfn(page) <= q->bounce_pfn)
    continue;

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