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Subject: Re: [PATCH] Show slab memory usage on OOM and SysRq-M  
Posted by [Eric Dumazet](#) on Tue, 17 Apr 2007 15:12:13 GMT  
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On Tue, 17 Apr 2007 16:22:48 +0300  
"Pekka Enberg" <penberg@cs.helsinki.fi> wrote:

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> Hi,
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> On 4/17/07, Pavel Emelianov <xemul@sw.ru> wrote:
> > +static unsigned long get_cache_size(struct kmem_cache *cachep)
> > +{
> > +    unsigned long slabs;
> > +    struct kmem_list3 *l3;
> > +    struct list_head *lh;
> > +    int node;
> > +
> > +    slabs = 0;
> > +
> > +    for_each_online_node (node) {
> > +        l3 = cachep->nodelists[node];
> > +        if (l3 == NULL)
> > +            continue;
> > +
> > +        spin_lock(&l3->list_lock);
> > +        list_for_each (lh, &l3->slabs_full)
> > +            slabs++;
> > +        list_for_each (lh, &l3->slabs_partial)
> > +            slabs++;
> > +        list_for_each (lh, &l3->slabs_free)
> > +            slabs++;
> > +        spin_unlock(&l3->list_lock);
> > +    }
> > +
> > +    return slabs * ((PAGE_SIZE << cachep->gfporder) +
> > +        (OFF_SLAB(cachep) ? cachep->slabp_cache->buffer_size : 0));
> > +}
>
> Considering you're doing this at out_of_memory() time, wouldn't it
> make more sense to add a ->nr_pages to struct kmem_cache and do the
> tracking in kmem_getpages/kmem_freepages?
>
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To avoid a deadlock ? yes...

This nr\_pages should be in struct kmem\_list3, not in struct kmem\_cache, or else you defeat NUMA optimizations if touching a field in kmem\_cache at kmem\_getpages()/kmem\_freepages() time.

```
for_each_online_node (node) {  
    l3 = cachep->nodelists[node];  
    if (l3)  
        slabs += l3->nr_pages; /* dont lock l3->list_lock */  
}
```

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