
Subject: [RFC PATCH ext3/ext4] orphan list corruption due bad inode

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After ext3 orphan list check has been added into ext3_destroy_inode() (please see my previous patch) the following situation has been detected:

EXT3-fs warning (device sda6): ext3_unlink: Deleting nonexistent file (37901290), 0

Inode 00000101a15b7840: orphan list check failed!

00000773 6f665f00 74616d72 00000573 65725f00 06737270 66000000 616d726f

...

Call Trace: [<ffffff80211ea9>] ext3_destroy_inode+0x79/0x90

[<ffffff801a2b16>] sys_unlink+0x126/0x1a0

[<ffffff80111479>] error_exit+0x0/0x81

[<ffffff80110aba>] system_call+0x7e/0x83

First messages said that unlinked inode has i_nlink=0, then ext3_unlink() adds this inode into orphan list.

Second message means that this inode has not been removed from orphan list. Inode dump has showed that i_fop = &bad_file_ops and it can be set in make_bad_inode() only. Then I've found that ext3_read_inode() can call make_bad_inode() without any error/warning messages, for example in the following case:

...

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if (inode->i_nlink == 0) {
    if (inode->i_mode == 0 ||
        !(EXT3_SB(inode->i_sb)->s_mount_state & EXT3_ORPHAN_FS)) {
        /* this inode is deleted */
        brelse (bh);
        goto bad_inode;
    }
}
```

...

Bad inode can live some time, ext3_unlink can add it to orphan list, but ext3_delete_inode() do not deleted this inode from orphan list. As result we can have orphan list corruption detected in ext3_destroy_inode().

However it is not clear for me how to fix this issue correctly.

As far as i see is_bad_inode() is called after iget() in all places excluding ext3_lookup() and ext3_get_parent(). I believe it makes sense to add bad inode check to these functions too and call iput if bad inode detected.

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diff --git a/fs/ext3/namei.c b/fs/ext3/namei.c

index 9bb046d..e3ac8c3 100644

--- a/fs/ext3/namei.c

+++ b/fs/ext3/namei.c

@@ -1019,6 +1019,11 @@ static struct dentry *ext3_lookup(struct inode * dir, struct dentry

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*dentry, str

    if (!inode)
        return ERR_PTR(-EACCES);
+
+ if (is_bad_inode(inode)) {
+     iput(inode);
+     return ERR_PTR(-ENOENT);
+ }
+ }
    return d_splice_alias(inode, dentry);
}
@@ -1054,6 +1059,11 @@ struct dentry *ext3_get_parent(struct dentry *child)
    if (!inode)
        return ERR_PTR(-EACCES);

+ if (is_bad_inode(inode)) {
+     iput(inode);
+     return ERR_PTR(-ENOENT);
+ }
+
    parent = d_alloc_anon(inode);
    if (!parent) {
        iput(inode);
diff --git a/fs/ext4/namei.c b/fs/ext4/namei.c
index 4ec57be..70db358 100644
--- a/fs/ext4/namei.c
+++ b/fs/ext4/namei.c
@@ -1017,6 +1017,11 @@ static struct dentry *ext4_lookup(struct inode * dir, struct dentry
*dentry, str

    if (!inode)
        return ERR_PTR(-EACCES);
+
+ if (is_bad_inode(inode)) {
+     iput(inode);
+     return ERR_PTR(-ENOENT);
+ }
+ }
    return d_splice_alias(inode, dentry);
}
@@ -1052,6 +1057,11 @@ struct dentry *ext4_get_parent(struct dentry *child)
    if (!inode)
        return ERR_PTR(-EACCES);

+ if (is_bad_inode(inode)) {
+     iput(inode);
+     return ERR_PTR(-ENOENT);

```

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+ }  
+  
parent = d_alloc_anon(inode);  
if (!parent) {  
    iput(inode);
```
