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Subject: Re: Containers: css\_put() dilemma  
Posted by [Paul Jackson](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 17:23:27 GMT  
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> Because as soon as you do the atomic\_dec\_and\_test() on css->refcnt and  
> the refcnt hits zero, then theoretically someone other thread (that  
> already holds container\_mutex) could check that the refcount is zero  
> and free the container structure.

Not just theory ... I've debugged crashes from live customer systems  
that were basically this race.

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I won't rest till it's the best ...  
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