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Subject: [PATCH 3/4] proc: simplify remove\_proc\_entry() wrt locking  
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We can take proc\_subdir\_lock for duration of list searching and removing from lists only. It can't hurt -- we can gather any amount of looked up PDEs right after proc\_subdir\_lock droppage in proc\_lookup() anyway. Current code should already deal with this correctly.

Also this should make code more understandable:

- \* original looks like a loop, however, it's a loop with unconditional trailing "break;" -- not loop at all.
- \* more explicit statement that proc\_subdir\_lock protects only ->subdir lists.

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--- a/fs/proc/generic.c

+++ b/fs/proc/generic.c

@@ -686,12 +686,12 @@ void free\_proc\_entry(struct proc\_dir\_entry \*de)

void remove\_proc\_entry(const char \*name, struct proc\_dir\_entry \*parent)

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{
    struct proc_dir_entry **p;
- struct proc_dir_entry *de;
+ struct proc_dir_entry *de = NULL;
    const char *fn = name;
    int len;
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    if (!parent && xlate_proc_name(name, &parent, &fn) != 0)
- goto out;
+ return;
    len = strlen(fn);
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    spin_lock(&proc_subdir_lock);
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@@ -701,45 +701,42 @@ void remove\_proc\_entry(const char \*name, struct proc\_dir\_entry \*parent)

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    de = *p;
    *p = de->next;
    de->next = NULL;
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+ }
+ spin_unlock(&proc_subdir_lock);
+ if (!de)
+ return;
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- spin_lock(&de->pde_unload_lock);
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- /*
-  * Stop accepting new callers into module. If you're
-  * dynamically allocating ->proc_fops, save a pointer somewhere.
-  */
- de->proc_fops = NULL;
- /* Wait until all existing callers into module are done. */
- if (de->pde_users > 0) {
-   DECLARE_COMPLETION_ONSTACK(c);
+ spin_lock(&de->pde_unload_lock);
+ /*
+  * Stop accepting new callers into module. If you're
+  * dynamically allocating ->proc_fops, save a pointer somewhere.
+  */
+ de->proc_fops = NULL;
+ /* Wait until all existing callers into module are done. */
+ if (de->pde_users > 0) {
+   DECLARE_COMPLETION_ONSTACK(c);

-   if (!de->pde_unload_completion)
-     de->pde_unload_completion = &c;
+   if (!de->pde_unload_completion)
+     de->pde_unload_completion = &c;

-   spin_unlock(&de->pde_unload_lock);
-   spin_unlock(&proc_subdir_lock);
+   spin_unlock(&de->pde_unload_lock);

-   wait_for_completion(de->pde_unload_completion);
+   wait_for_completion(de->pde_unload_completion);

-   spin_lock(&proc_subdir_lock);
-   goto continue_removing;
- }
- spin_unlock(&de->pde_unload_lock);
+   goto continue_removing;
+ }
+ spin_unlock(&de->pde_unload_lock);

continue_removing:
- if (S_ISDIR(de->mode))
-   parent->nlink--;
- de->nlink = 0;
- WARN_ON(de->subdir);
- if (!atomic_read(&de->count))
-   free_proc_entry(de);
- else {
-   de->deleted = 1;
-   printk("remove_proc_entry: %s/%s busy, count=%d\n",

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- parent->name, de->name, atomic_read(&de->count));
- }
- break;
+ if (S_ISDIR(de->mode))
+ parent->nlink--;
+ de->nlink = 0;
+ WARN_ON(de->subdir);
+ if (!atomic_read(&de->count))
+ free_proc_entry(de);
+ else {
+ de->deleted = 1;
+ printk("remove_proc_entry: %s/%s busy, count=%d\n",
+ parent->name, de->name, atomic_read(&de->count));
+ }
- spin_unlock(&proc_subdir_lock);
-out:
- return;
}
```

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