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Subject: [PATCH] slub: don't create a copy of the name string in  
kmem\_cache\_create

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When creating a cache, slub keeps a copy of the cache name through  
strdup. The slab however, doesn't do that. This means that everyone  
registering caches have to keep a copy themselves anyway, since code  
needs to work on all allocators.

Having slab create a copy of it as well may very well be the right  
thing to do: but at this point, the callers are already there

My motivation for it comes from the kmem slab cache controller for  
memcg. Because we create duplicate caches, having a more consistent  
behavior here really helps.

I am sending the patch, however, more to probe on your opinion about  
it. If you guys agree, but don't want to merge it - since it is not  
fixing anything, nor improving any situation etc, I am more than happy  
to carry it in my series until it gets merged (fingers crossed).

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mm/slub.c | 14 ++-----

1 files changed, 2 insertions(+), 12 deletions(-)

diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c

index ffe13fd..af8cee9 100644

--- a/mm/slub.c

+++ b/mm/slub.c

@@ -3925,7 +3925,6 @@ struct kmem\_cache \*kmem\_cache\_create(const char \*name, size\_t  
size,

size\_t align, unsigned long flags, void (\*ctor)(void \*))

{

struct kmem\_cache \*s;

- char \*n;

if (WARN\_ON(!name))

return NULL;

@@ -3949,26 +3948,20 @@ struct kmem\_cache \*kmem\_cache\_create(const char \*name, size\_t  
size,

return s;

}

- n = kstrdup(name, GFP\_KERNEL);

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- if (!n)
- goto err;
-
s = kmalloc(kmem_size, GFP_KERNEL);
if (s) {
- if (kmem_cache_open(s, n,
+ if (kmem_cache_open(s, name,
    size, align, flags, ctor)) {
    list_add(&s->list, &slab_caches);
    up_write(&slub_lock);
    if (sysfs_slab_add(s)) {
        down_write(&slub_lock);
        list_del(&s->list);
-    kfree(n);
    kfree(s);
    goto err;
    }
    return s;
}
- kfree(n);
kfree(s);
}
err:
@@ -5212,7 +5205,6 @@ static void kmem_cache_release(struct kobject *kobj)
{
    struct kmem_cache *s = to_slab(kobj);

- kfree(s->name);
kfree(s);
}

@@ -5318,11 +5310,9 @@ static int sysfs_slab_add(struct kmem_cache *s)
    return err;
}
kobject_uevent(&s->kobj, KOBJ_ADD);
- if (!unmergeable) {
+ if (!unmergeable)
    /* Setup first alias */
    sysfs_slab_alias(s, s->name);
- kfree(name);
- }
    return 0;
}

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