Subject: Re: [PATCH] NFS: init client before declaration Posted by Myklebust, Trond on Tue, 22 May 2012 15:00:17 GMT

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On Tue, 2012-05-22 at 10:29 -0400, Trond Myklebust wrote:
> On Tue, 2012-05-22 at 16:40 +0400, Stanislav Kinsbursky wrote:
>> Client have to be initialized prior to adding it to per-net clients list,
> > because otherwise there are races, shown below:
> >
> > CPU#0
            CPU#1
>>
> >
> > nfs_get_client
> > nfs_alloc_client
> > list_add(..., nfs_client_list)
> >
       rpc_fill_super
       rpc pipefs event
> >
       nfs get client for event
> >
       rpc pipefs event
> >
       (clp->cl rpcclient is uninitialized)
       BUG()
> >
> > init client
> > clp->cl_rpcclient = ...
> >
>
> Why not simply change nfs get client for event() so that it doesn't
> touch nfs_clients that have clp->cl_cons_state!=NFS_CS_READY?
> That should ensure that it doesn't touch nfs clients that failed to
> initialise and/or are still in the process of being initialised.
...actually, come to think of it. Why not just add a helper function
"bool nfs_client_active(const struct nfs_client *clp)" to
fs/nfs/client.c that does a call to
wait_event_killable(nfs_client_active_wq, clp->cl_cons_state < NFS_CS_INITING);
and checks the resulting value of clp->cl cons state?
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