
Subject: [PATCH 3/4] don't do __ClearPageSlab before freeing slab page.

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This will give the opportunity to the page allocator to determine that a given page was previously a slab page, and take action accordingly.

If memcg kmem is present, this means that that page needs to be unaccounted. The page allocator will now have the responsibility to clear that bit upon free_pages().

It is not uncommon to have the page allocator to check page flags. Mlock flag, for instance, is checked pervasively all over the place. So I hope this is okay for the slab as well.

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mm/page_alloc.c | 5 +++++
mm/slab.c       | 5 -----
mm/slob.c      | 1 -
mm/slub.c      | 1 -
4 files changed, 4 insertions(+), 8 deletions(-)
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diff --git a/mm/page_alloc.c b/mm/page_alloc.c
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index 918330f..a884a9c 100644
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--- a/mm/page_alloc.c
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+++ b/mm/page_alloc.c
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@@ -697,8 +697,10 @@ static bool free_pages_prepare(struct page *page, unsigned int order)
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    if (PageAnon(page))
        page->mapping = NULL;
-   for (i = 0; i < (1 << order); i++)
+   for (i = 0; i < (1 << order); i++) {
+   __ClearPageSlab(page + i);
    bad += free_pages_check(page + i);
+ }
    if (bad)
        return false;
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@@ -2505,6 +2507,7 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(get_zeroed_page);
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void __free_pages(struct page *page, unsigned int order)
{
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    if (put_page_testzero(page)) {
+   __ClearPageSlab(page);
    if (order == 0)
        free_hot_cold_page(page, 0);
    else
diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
index d7dfd26..66ef370 100644
--- a/mm/slab.c
+++ b/mm/slab.c
@@ -1794,11 +1794,6 @@ static void kmem_freepages(struct kmem_cache *cachep, void
*addr)
    else
        sub_zone_page_state(page_zone(page),
            NR_SLAB_UNRECLAIMABLE, nr_freed);
- while (i--) {
- BUG_ON(!PageSlab(page));
- __ClearPageSlab(page);
- page++;
- }
    if (current->reclaim_state)
        current->reclaim_state->reclaimed_slab += nr_freed;
    free_pages((unsigned long)addr, cachep->gfporder);
diff --git a/mm/slob.c b/mm/slob.c
index 61b1845..b03d65e 100644
--- a/mm/slob.c
+++ b/mm/slob.c
@@ -360,7 +360,6 @@ static void slob_free(void *block, int size)
    if (slob_page_free(sp))
        clear_slob_page_free(sp);
    spin_unlock_irqrestore(&slob_lock, flags);
- __ClearPageSlab(sp);
    reset_page_mapcount(sp);
    slob_free_pages(b, 0);
    return;
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index ed01be5..a0eeb4a 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -1399,7 +1399,6 @@ static void __free_slab(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *page)
    NR_SLAB_RECLAIMABLE : NR_SLAB_UNRECLAIMABLE,
    -pages);

- __ClearPageSlab(page);
    reset_page_mapcount(page);
    if (current->reclaim_state)
        current->reclaim_state->reclaimed_slab += pages;
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