
Subject: [PATCH v5] slab: Ignore internal flags in cache creation
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Some flags are used internally by the allocators for management purposes. One example of that is the `CFLGS_OFF_SLAB` flag that slab uses to mark that the metadata for that cache is stored outside of the slab.

No cache should ever pass those as a creation flags. We can just ignore this bit if it happens to be passed (such as when duplicating a cache in the `kmem memcg` patches).

Because such flags can vary from allocator to allocator, we allow them to make their own decisions on that, defining `SLAB_AVAILABLE_FLAGS` with all flags that are valid at creation time. Allocators that doesn't have any specific flag requirement should define that to mean all flags.

Common code will mask out all flags not belonging to that set.

[v2: leave the mask out decision up to the allocators]
[v3: define flags for all allocators]
[v4: move all definitions to slab.h]

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mm/slab.c      | 22 -----
mm/slab.h      | 25 +++++
mm/slab_common.c | 7 +++++
mm/slub.c      | 3 ---
4 files changed, 32 insertions(+), 25 deletions(-)
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diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c

index 8524923..8c1d447 100644

--- a/mm/slab.c

+++ b/mm/slab.c

@@ -162,23 +162,6 @@

*/

static bool pfmemalloc_active __read_mostly;

/* Legal flag mask for `kmem_cache_create()`. */

#if DEBUG

#define CREATE_MASK (SLAB_RED_ZONE | \

SLAB_POISON | SLAB_HWCACHE_ALIGN | \

SLAB_CACHE_DMA | \

SLAB_STORE_USER | \

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- SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT | SLAB_PANIC | \
- SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU | SLAB_MEM_SPREAD | \
- SLAB_DEBUG_OBJECTS | SLAB_NOLEAKTRACE | SLAB_NOTRACK)
-#else
-# define CREATE_MASK (SLAB_HWCACHE_ALIGN | \
- SLAB_CACHE_DMA | \
- SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT | SLAB_PANIC | \
- SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU | SLAB_MEM_SPREAD | \
- SLAB_DEBUG_OBJECTS | SLAB_NOLEAKTRACE | SLAB_NOTRACK)
-#endif
-
/*
 * kmem_bufctl_t:
 *
@@ -2385,11 +2368,6 @@ __kmem_cache_create (struct kmem_cache *cachep, unsigned long
flags)
    if (flags & SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU)
        BUG_ON(flags & SLAB_POISON);
-#endif
- /*
- * Always checks flags, a caller might be expecting debug support which
- * isn't available.
- */
- BUG_ON(flags & ~CREATE_MASK);

/*
 * Check that size is in terms of words. This is needed to avoid
diff --git a/mm/slab.h b/mm/slab.h
index 7deeb44..35b60b7 100644
--- a/mm/slab.h
+++ b/mm/slab.h
@@ -45,6 +45,31 @@ static inline struct kmem_cache * __kmem_cache_alias(const char *name,
size_t siz
-#endif

+/* Legal flag mask for kmem_cache_create(), for various configurations */
+#define SLAB_CORE_FLAGS (SLAB_HWCACHE_ALIGN | SLAB_CACHE_DMA |
SLAB_PANIC | \
+ SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU | SLAB_DEBUG_OBJECTS )
+
+#if defined(CONFIG_DEBUG_SLAB)
+#define SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS (SLAB_RED_ZONE | SLAB_POISON | SLAB_STORE_USER)
+#elif defined(CONFIG_SLUB_DEBUG)
+#define SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS (SLAB_RED_ZONE | SLAB_POISON | SLAB_STORE_USER | \
+ SLAB_TRACE | SLAB_DEBUG_FREE)
+#else
+#define SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS (0)

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+ #endif
+
+ #if defined(CONFIG_SLAB)
+ #define SLAB_CACHE_FLAGS (SLAB_MEM_SPREAD | SLAB_NOLEAKTRACE | \
+   SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT | SLAB_TEMPORARY | SLAB_NOTRACK)
+ #elif defined(CONFIG_SLUB)
+ #define SLAB_CACHE_FLAGS (SLAB_NOLEAKTRACE | SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT | \
+   SLAB_TEMPORARY | SLAB_NOTRACK)
+ #else
+ #define SLAB_CACHE_FLAGS (0)
+ #endif
+
+ #define CACHE_CREATE_MASK (SLAB_CORE_FLAGS | SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS |
+ SLAB_CACHE_FLAGS)
+
+ int __kmem_cache_shutdown(struct kmem_cache *);

# endif
diff --git a/mm/slab_common.c b/mm/slab_common.c
index 9c21725..0e2b8e3 100644
--- a/mm/slab_common.c
+++ b/mm/slab_common.c
@@ -107,6 +107,13 @@ struct kmem_cache *kmem_cache_create(const char *name, size_t
size, size_t align
    if (!kmem_cache_sanity_check(name, size) == 0)
        goto out_locked;

+ /*
+  * Some allocators will constraint the set of valid flags to a subset
+  * of all flags. We expect them to define CACHE_CREATE_MASK in this
+  * case, and we'll just provide them with a sanitized version of the
+  * passed flags.
+  */
+ flags &= CACHE_CREATE_MASK;

    s = __kmem_cache_alias(name, size, align, flags, ctor);
    if (s)
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index 2258ed8..7197f141 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -112,9 +112,6 @@
    * the fast path and disables lockless freelists.
    */

- #define SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS (SLAB_RED_ZONE | SLAB_POISON | SLAB_STORE_USER | \
-   SLAB_TRACE | SLAB_DEBUG_FREE)
-

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```
static inline int kmem_cache_debug(struct kmem_cache *s)
{
#ifdef CONFIG_SLUB_DEBUG
--
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