
Subject: [PATCH] add_timer -> mod_timer() in dst_run_gc()
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Patch from Dmitry Mishin <dim@openvz.org>:
Replace add_timer() by mod_timer() in dst_run_gc
in order to avoid BUG message.

CPU1	CPU2
dst_run_gc() entered	dst_run_gc() entered
spin_lock(&dst_lock)	
del_timer(&dst_gc_timer)	fail to get lock
....	mod_timer() <--- puts
	timer back
	to the list
add_timer(&dst_gc_timer) <--- BUG because timer is in list already.	

Found during OpenVZ internal testing.

At first we thought that it is OpenVZ specific as we added dst_run_gc(0) call in dst_dev_event(), but as Alexey pointed to me it is possible to trigger this condition in mainstream kernel.

F.e. timer has fired on CPU2, but the handler was preempted by an irq before dst_lock is tried.

Meanwhile, someone on CPU1 adds an entry to gc list and starts the timer.

If CPU2 was preempted long enough, this timer can expire simultaneously with resuming timer handler on CPU1, arriving exactly to the situation described.

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--- ./net/core/dst.c.dst 2006-05-19 13:12:34.000000000 +0400
+++ ./net/core/dst.c 2006-05-22 14:29:50.000000000 +0400
@@ -95,12 +95,11 @@ static void dst_run_gc(unsigned long dum
     dst_gc_timer_inc = DST_GC_INC;
     dst_gc_timer_expires = DST_GC_MIN;
 }
- dst_gc_timer.expires = jiffies + dst_gc_timer_expires;
 #if RT_CACHE_DEBUG >= 2
     printk("dst_total: %d/%d %ld\n",
           atomic_read(&dst_total), delayed, dst_gc_timer_expires);
 #endif
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- add_timer(&dst_gc_timer);  
+ mod_timer(&dst_gc_timer, jiffies + dst_gc_timer_expires);  
  
out:  
  spin_unlock(&dst_lock);
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