
Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/7] introduce atomic_dec_and_lock_irqsave()

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On 08/30, Roman Zippel wrote:

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> Hi,  
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> On Tue, 29 Aug 2006, Kirill Korotaev wrote:  
>  
> > --- ./kernel/user.c.dlirq 2006-07-10 12:39:20.000000000 +0400  
> > +++ ./kernel/user.c 2006-08-28 11:08:56.000000000 +0400  
> > @@ -108,15 +108,12 @@ void free_uid(struct user_struct *up)  
> > if (!up)  
> > return;  
> >  
> > - local_irq_save(flags);  
> > - if (atomic_dec_and_lock(&up->__count, &uidhash_lock)) {  
> > + if (atomic_dec_and_lock_irqsave(&up->__count, &uidhash_lock, flags)) {  
> > uid_hash_remove(up);  
> > spin_unlock_irqrestore(&uidhash_lock, flags);  
> > key_put(up->uid_keyring);  
> > key_put(up->session_keyring);  
> > kmem_cache_free(uid_cachep, up);  
> > - } else {  
> > - local_irq_restore(flags);  
> > }  
> > }  
>  
> Why does this need protection against interrupts?
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uidhash_lock can be taken from irq context. For example, delayed_put_task_struct() does __put_task_struct()->free_uid().

Oleg.
