
Subject: [PATCH]: OOM can panic due to processes stuck in __alloc_pages()

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OOM can panic due to the processes stuck in __alloc_pages()

doing infinite rebalance loop while no memory can be reclaimed.

OOM killer tries to kill some processes, but unfortunately,
rebalance label was moved by someone below the TIF_MEMDIE check,
so buddy allocator doesn't see that process is OOM-killed
and it can simply fail the allocation :/

Observed in reality on RHEL4(2.6.9)+OpenVZ kernel when a user doing
some memory allocation tricks triggered OOM panic.

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--- ./mm/page_alloc.c.oomx 2006-11-08 17:44:16.000000000 +0300
```

```
+++ ./mm/page_alloc.c 2006-11-13 21:57:33.000000000 +0300
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@@ -1251,6 +1251,7 @@ restart:
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```
/* This allocation should allow future memory freeing. */
```

```
+rebalance:
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```
if (((p->flags & PF_MEMALLOC) || unlikely(test_thread_flag(TIF_MEMDIE)))
```

```
    && !in_interrupt()) {
```

```
    if (!(gfp_mask & __GFP_NOMEMALLOC)) {
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    @@ -1272,7 +1273,6 @@ nofail_alloc:
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```
        if (!wait)
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```
            goto nopage;
```

```
-rebalance:
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```
    cond_resched();
```

```
/* We now go into synchronous reclaim */
```
