Subject: [PATCH 2.6.21-rc5] [I2O] block IO errors on i2o disk Posted by vaverin on Mon, 26 Mar 2007 08:07:36 GMT

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I2O subsystem has been broken in mainstream several months ago (after 2.6.18). The following patch from Jens Axboe splits struct request ->flags into two parts: cmd_type and cmd_flags http://git.kernel.org/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6 .git;a=commit;h=4aff5e2333c9a1609662f2091f55c3f6fffdad36

In i2o layer this patch has replaced flag REQ_SPECIAL by the according cmd_type. However i2o has used REQ_SPECIAL not as command type but as driver-specific flag for the debug purposes. As result all i2o requests have type "special" now, are not processed to the hardware and fail with I/O error:

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i2o/hda:<3>Buffer I/O error on device i2o/hda, logical block 0
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unable to read partition table
block-osm: device added (TID: 207): i2o/hda
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The following patch removes the extra debug checks without any drawbacks and restores the normal driver's work.

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--- 2.6.21-rc5/drivers/message/i2o/i2o_block.c 2007-02-04 21:44:54.000000000 +0300
+++ 2.6.21-rc5/drivers/message/i2o/i2o block.c 2007-03-26 11:03:52.000000000 +0400
@ @ -390,13 +390,6 @ @ static int i2o block prep reg fn(struct
 return BLKPREP KILL;
 }
- /* request is already processed by us, so return */
- if (blk_special_request(req)) {
osm_debug("REQ_SPECIAL already set!\n");
reg->cmd flags |= REQ_DONTPREP;
- return BLKPREP_OK;
- }
 /* connect the i2o block request to the request */
 if (!req->special) {
 ireq = i2o_block_request_alloc();
@ @ -408,11 +401,8 @ @ static int i2o_block_prep_req_fn(struct
 ireq->i2o_blk_dev = i2o_blk_dev;
 req->special = ireq;
 ireq->req = req;
- } else
ireq = req->special;
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+ }
/* do not come back here */
- req->cmd_type = REQ_TYPE_SPECIAL;
req->cmd_flags |= REQ_DONTPREP;
return BLKPREP_OK;
```