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{
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The problem is that the list can change between two consecutive reads.
And yes, all proc files using lists are affected, but changing every
proc file users is a quite large task.

A problematic sequence would be:

1st procfs read()

*_start()

- mutex down

- seq list start

*_next()

- seq list next

*_stop()

- mutex up

end of 1st procfs read()

mutex down

-> Removing a list entry

mutex up

2nd procfs read()

*_start()

- mutex down

... we now skip a list entry depending on the relative position of our
iterator and the deletion.

The mutex is taken/released at each and every read, therefore not
protecting against modifications across reads.

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>>> .show = diskstats_show
>>> };
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>>> -
>>> To unsubscribe from this list: send the line "unsubscribe linux-kernel" in
>>> the body of a message to majordomo@vger.kernel.org
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