
Subject: [PATCH] proc: fix PDE refcounting

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Creating PDEs with refcount 0 and "deleted" flag has problems (see below).

Switch to usual scheme:

- * PDE is created with refcount 1
- * every de_get does +1
- * every de_put() and remove_proc_entry() do -1
- * once refcount reaches 0, PDE is freed.

This elegantly fixes at least two following races (both observed) without introducing new locks, without abusing old locks, without spreading lock_kernel():

1) PDE leak

```
remove_proc_entry  de_put
-----
[refcnt = 1]
if (atomic_read(&de->count) == 0)
    if (atomic_dec_and_test(&de->count))
        if (de->deleted)
            /* also not taken! */
            free_proc_entry(de);
else
    de->deleted = 1;
    [refcount=0, deleted=1]
```

2) use after free

```
remove_proc_entry  de_put
-----
[refcnt = 1]

    if (atomic_dec_and_test(&de->count))
if (atomic_read(&de->count) == 0)
    free_proc_entry(de);
    /* boom! */
    if (de->deleted)
        free_proc_entry(de);
```

BUG: unable to handle kernel paging request at virtual address 6b6b6b6b

printing eip: c10acdda *pdpt = 00000000338f8001 *pde = 0000000000000000

Oops: 0000 [#1] PREEMPT SMP

Modules linked in: af_packet ipv6 cpufreq_ondemand loop serio_raw psmouse k8temp hwmon
sr_mod cdrom

Pid: 23161, comm: cat Not tainted (2.6.24-rc2-8c0863403f109a43d7000b4646da4818220d501f)

#4)

EIP: 0060:[<c10acdda>] EFLAGS: 00210097 CPU: 1

EIP is at strlen+0x6/0x18

EAX: 6b6b6b6b EBX: 6b6b6b6b ECX: 6b6b6b6b EDX: ffffffff

ESI: c128fa3b EDI: f380bf34 EBP: ffffffff ESP: f380be44

DS: 007b ES: 007b FS: 00d8 GS: 0033 SS: 0068

Process cat (pid: 23161, ti=f380b000 task=f38f2570 task.ti=f380b000)

Stack: c10ac4f0 00000278 c12ce000 f43cd2a8 00000163 00000000 7da86067 00000400

c128fa20 00896b18 f38325a8 c128fe20 ffffffff 00000000 c11f291e 00000400

f75be300 c128fa20 f769c9a0 c10ac779 f380bf34 f7bfee70 c1018e6b f380bf34

Call Trace:

[<c10ac4f0>] vsnprintf+0x2ad/0x49b

[<c10ac779>] vscnprintf+0x14/0x1f

[<c1018e6b>] vprintk+0xc5/0x2f9

[<c10379f1>] handle_fasteoi_irq+0x0/0xab

[<c1004f44>] do_IRQ+0x9f/0xb7

[<c117db3b>] preempt_schedule_irq+0x3f/0x5b

[<c100264e>] need_resched+0x1f/0x21

[<c10190ba>] printk+0x1b/0x1f

[<c107c8ad>] de_put+0x3d/0x50

[<c107c8f8>] proc_delete_inode+0x38/0x41

[<c107c8c0>] proc_delete_inode+0x0/0x41

[<c1066298>] generic_delete_inode+0x5e/0xc6

[<c1065aa9>] iput+0x60/0x62

[<c1063c8e>] d_kill+0x2d/0x46

[<c1063fa9>] dput+0xdc/0xe4

[<c10571a1>] __fput+0xb0/0xcd

[<c1054e49>] filp_close+0x48/0x4f

[<c1055ee9>] sys_close+0x67/0xa5

[<c10026b6>] sysenter_past_esp+0x5f/0x85

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Code: c9 74 0c f2 ae 74 05 bf 01 00 00 00 4f 89 fa 5f 89 d0 c3 85 c9 57 89 c7 89 d0 74 05 f2 ae
75 01 4f 89 f8 5f c3 89 c1 89 c8 eb 06 <80> 38 00 74 07 40 4a 83 fa ff 75 f4 29 c8 c3 90 90 90 57
83 c9

EIP: [<c10acdda>] strlen+0x6/0x18 SS:ESP 0068:f380be44

Also, remove broken usage of ->deleted from reiserfs: if sget() succeeds, module is already pinned and remove_proc_entry() can't happen => nobody can mark PDE deleted.

Dummy proc root in netns code is not marked with refcount 1. AFAICS, we never get it, it's just for proper /proc/net removal. I double checked CLONE_NETNS continues to work.

Patch survives many hours of modprobe/rmmod/cat loops without new bugs which can be attributed to refcounting.

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```
fs/proc/generic.c      |  9 ++-----
fs/proc/inode.c        |  9 ++-----
fs/proc/root.c         |  1 +
fs/reiserfs/procfs.c   |  6 -----
include/linux/proc_fs.h |  1 -
5 files changed, 5 insertions(+), 21 deletions(-)
```

--- a/fs/proc/generic.c

+++ b/fs/proc/generic.c

```
@@ -585,6 +585,7 @@ static struct proc_dir_entry *proc_create(struct proc_dir_entry **parent,
    ent->namelen = len;
    ent->mode = mode;
    ent->nlink = nlink;
+ atomic_set(&ent->count, 1);
    ent->pde_users = 0;
    spin_lock_init(&ent->pde_unload_lock);
    ent->pde_unload_completion = NULL;
@@ -682,7 +683,6 @@ void free_proc_entry(struct proc_dir_entry *de)
```

/*

* Remove a /proc entry and free it if it's not currently in use.

- * If it is in use, we set the 'deleted' flag.

*/

```
void remove_proc_entry(const char *name, struct proc_dir_entry *parent)
```

```
{
```

```
@@ -731,13 +731,8 @@ continue_removing:
```

```
    parent->nlink--;
```

```
    de->nlink = 0;
```

```
    WARN_ON(de->subdir);
```

```
- if (!atomic_read(&de->count))
```

```
+ if (atomic_dec_and_test(&de->count))
```

```
    free_proc_entry(de);
```

```
- else {
```

```
- de->deleted = 1;
```

```
- printk("remove_proc_entry: %s/%s busy, count=%d\n",
```

```
- parent->name, de->name, atomic_read(&de->count));
```

```
- }
```

```
    break;
```

```
}
```

```
spin_unlock(&proc_subdir_lock);
```

--- a/fs/proc/inode.c

+++ b/fs/proc/inode.c

```
@@ -43,13 +43,8 @@ void de_put(struct proc_dir_entry *de)
```

```
    return;
```

```
}
```

```

- if (atomic_dec_and_test(&de->count)) {
- if (de->deleted) {
-   printk("de_put: deferred delete of %s\n",
-   de->name);
-   free_proc_entry(de);
- }
- }
+ if (atomic_dec_and_test(&de->count))
+ free_proc_entry(de);
  unlock_kernel();
}
}
--- a/fs/proc/root.c
+++ b/fs/proc/root.c
@@ -207,6 +207,7 @@ struct proc_dir_entry proc_root = {
  .name = "/proc",
  .mode = S_IFDIR | S_IRUGO | S_IXUGO,
  .nlink = 2,
+ .count = ATOMIC_INIT(1),
  .proc_iops = &proc_root_inode_operations,
  .proc_fops = &proc_root_operations,
  .parent = &proc_root,
--- a/fs/reiserfs/procfs.c
+++ b/fs/reiserfs/procfs.c
@@ -420,12 +420,6 @@ static void *r_start(struct seq_file *m, loff_t * pos)
  return NULL;

  up_write(&s->s_umount);
-
- if (de->deleted) {
-   deactivate_super(s);
-   return NULL;
- }
-
  return s;
}

--- a/include/linux/proc_fs.h
+++ b/include/linux/proc_fs.h
@@ -75,7 +75,6 @@ struct proc_dir_entry {
  read_proc_t *read_proc;
  write_proc_t *write_proc;
  atomic_t count; /* use count */
- int deleted; /* delete flag */
  int pde_users; /* number of callers into module in progress */
  spinlock_t pde_unload_lock; /* proc_fops checks and pde_users bumps */
  struct completion *pde_unload_completion;

```
